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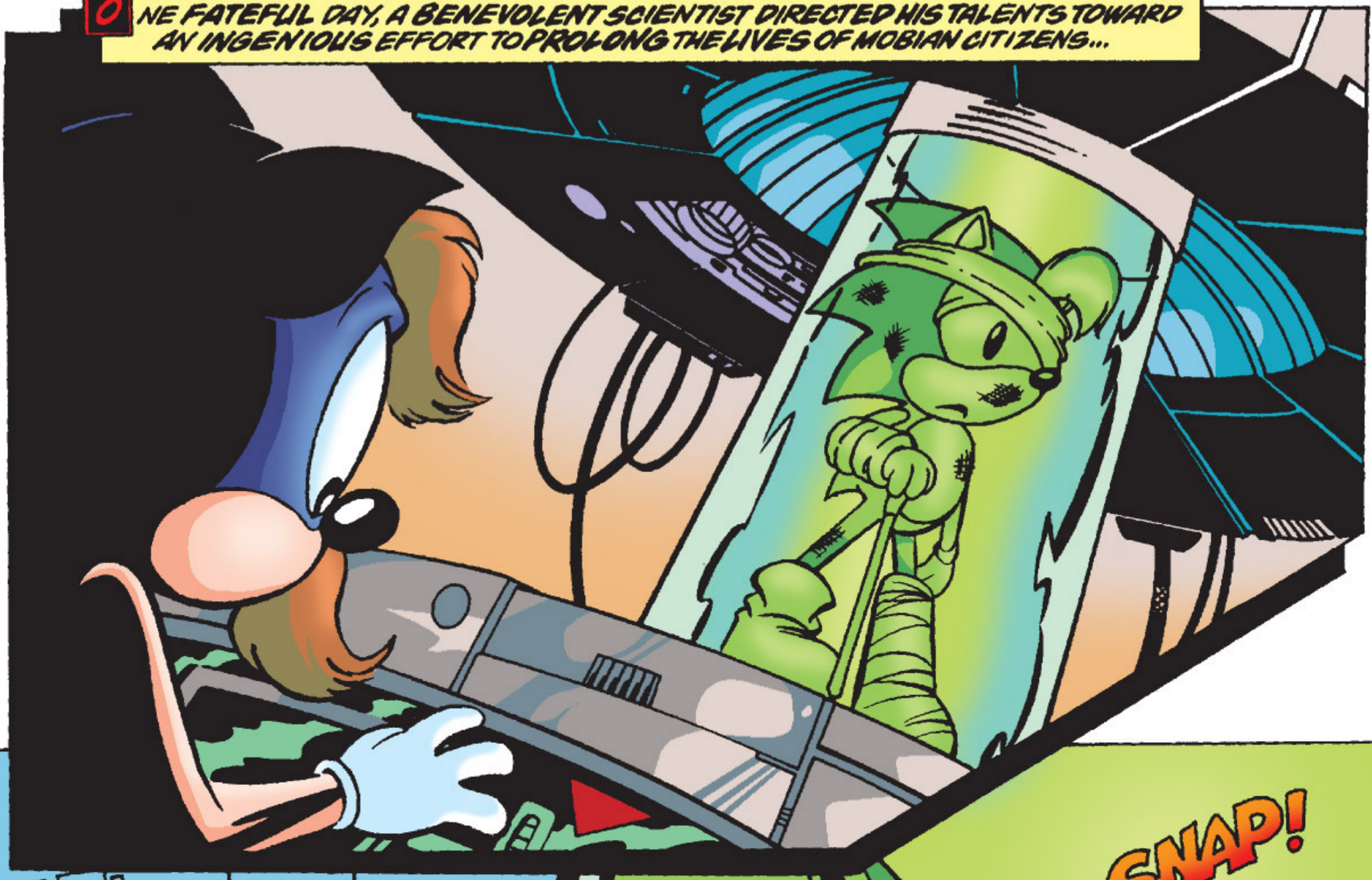
SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

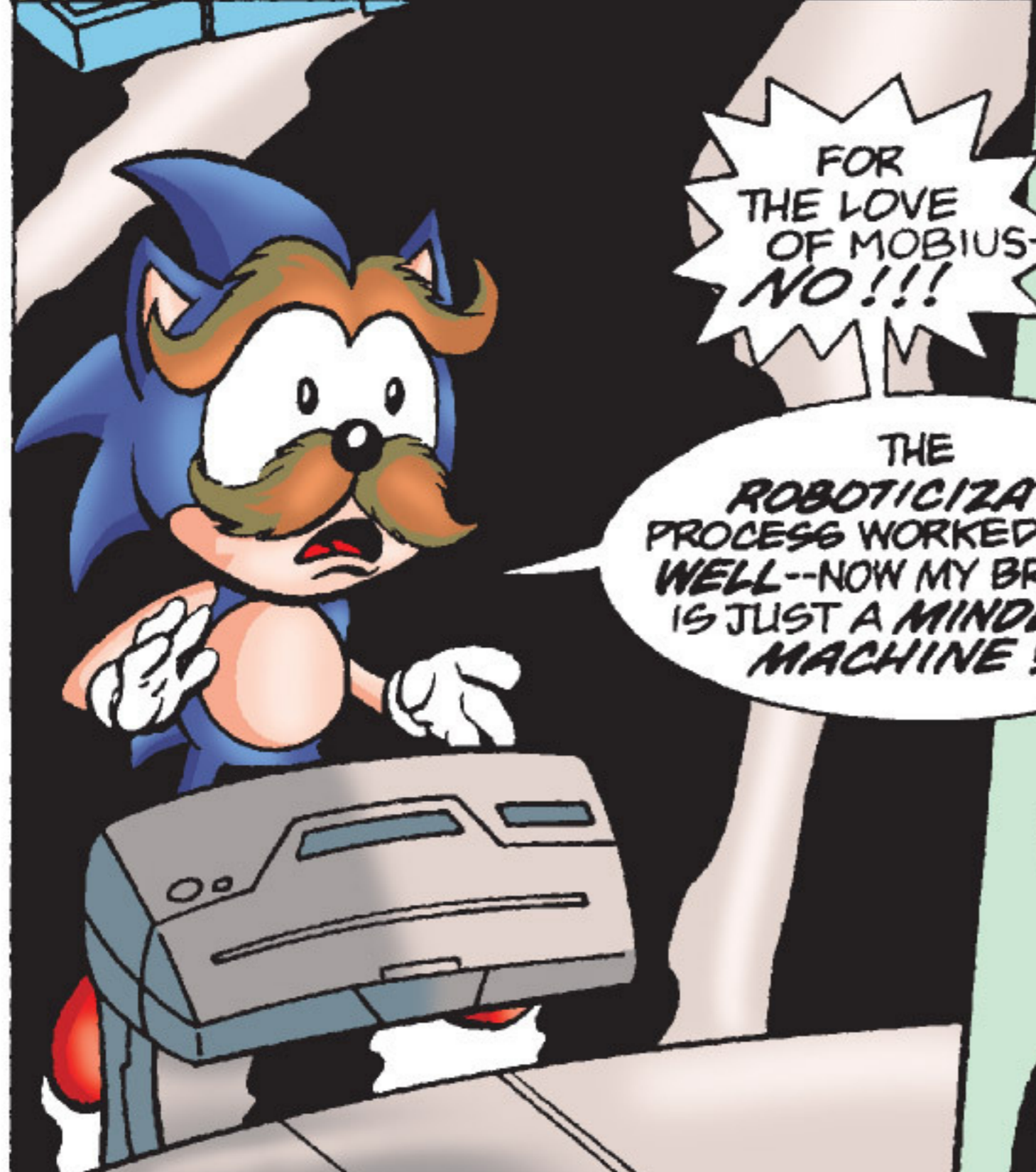


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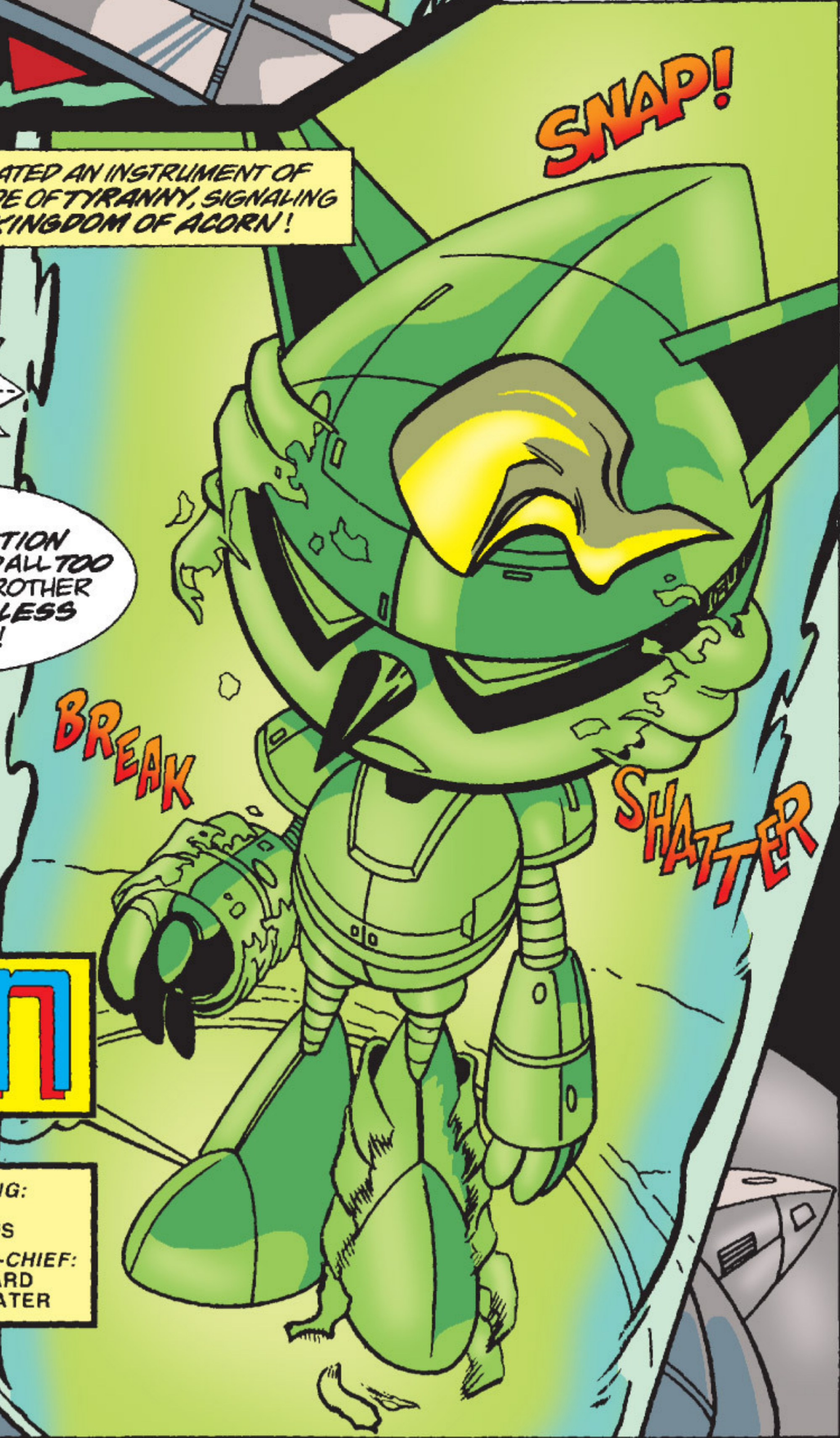
ONE FATEFUL DAY, A BENEVOLENT SCIENTIST DIRECTED HIS TALENTS TOWARD AN INGENUOUS EFFORT TO PROLONG THE LIVES OF MOBIAN CITIZENS...



...AND IN DOING SO, INADVERTENTLY CREATED AN INSTRUMENT OF DOMINATION, USED AS PART OF A SWEEPING TIDE OF TYRANNY, SIGNALING THE DOWNFALL OF PLANET MOBIUS AND ITS KINGDOM OF ACORN!



THE ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS WORKED ALL TOO WELL--NOW MY BROTHER IS JUST A MINDLESS MACHINE!

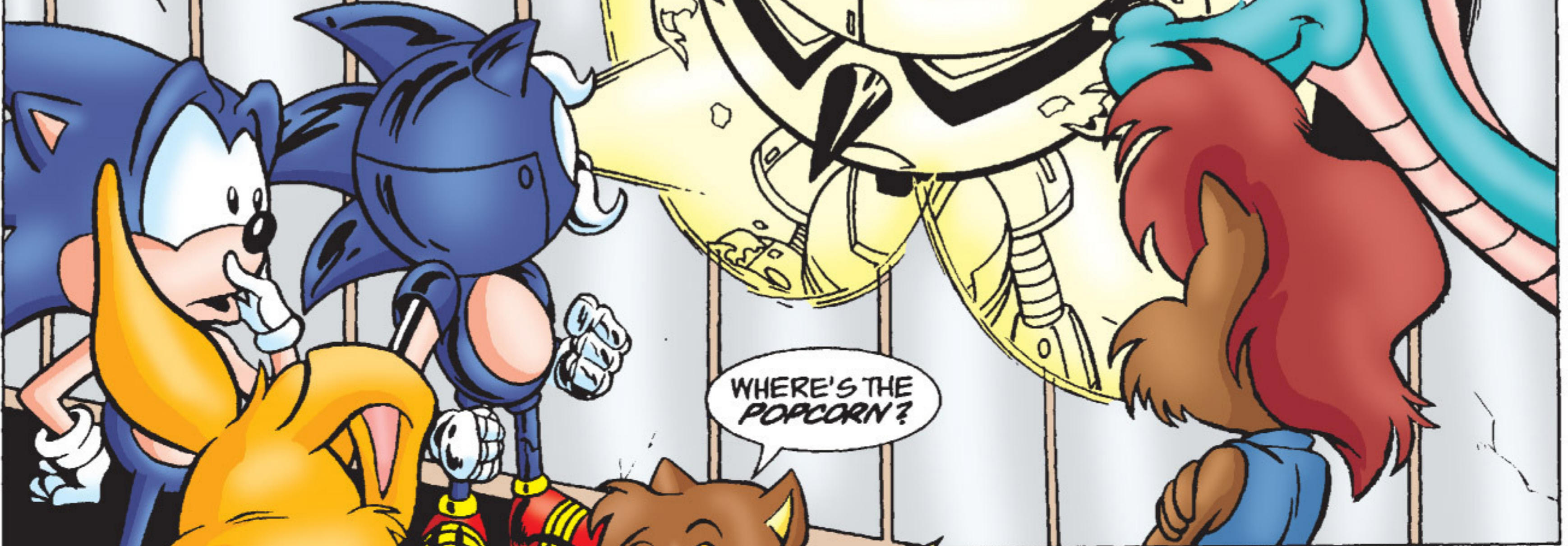


A COUNTDOWN TO AN ARMAGEDDON

PART ONE

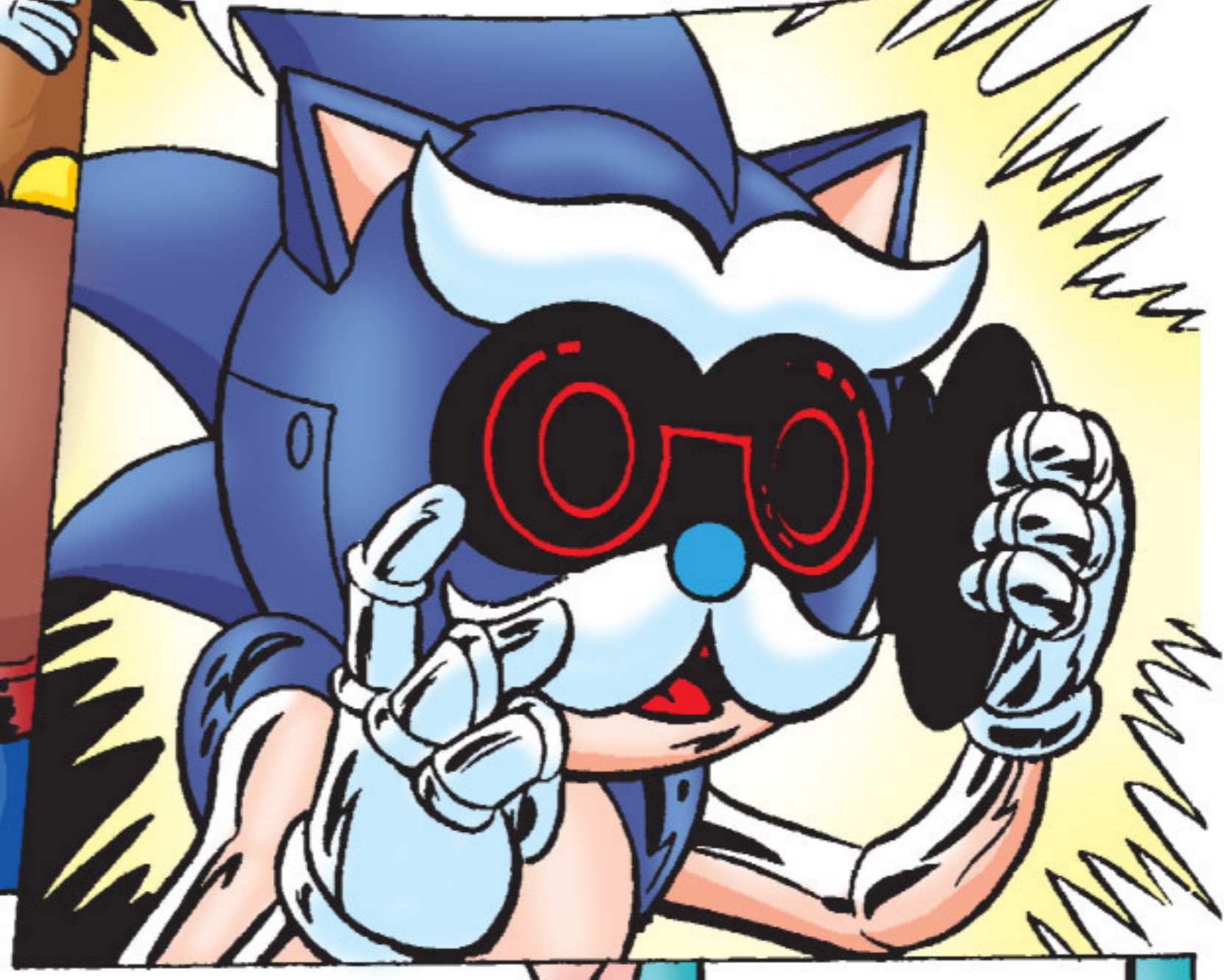
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THAT IS WAY PAST COOL, UNCLE CHUCK! HOW YA DOING IT?

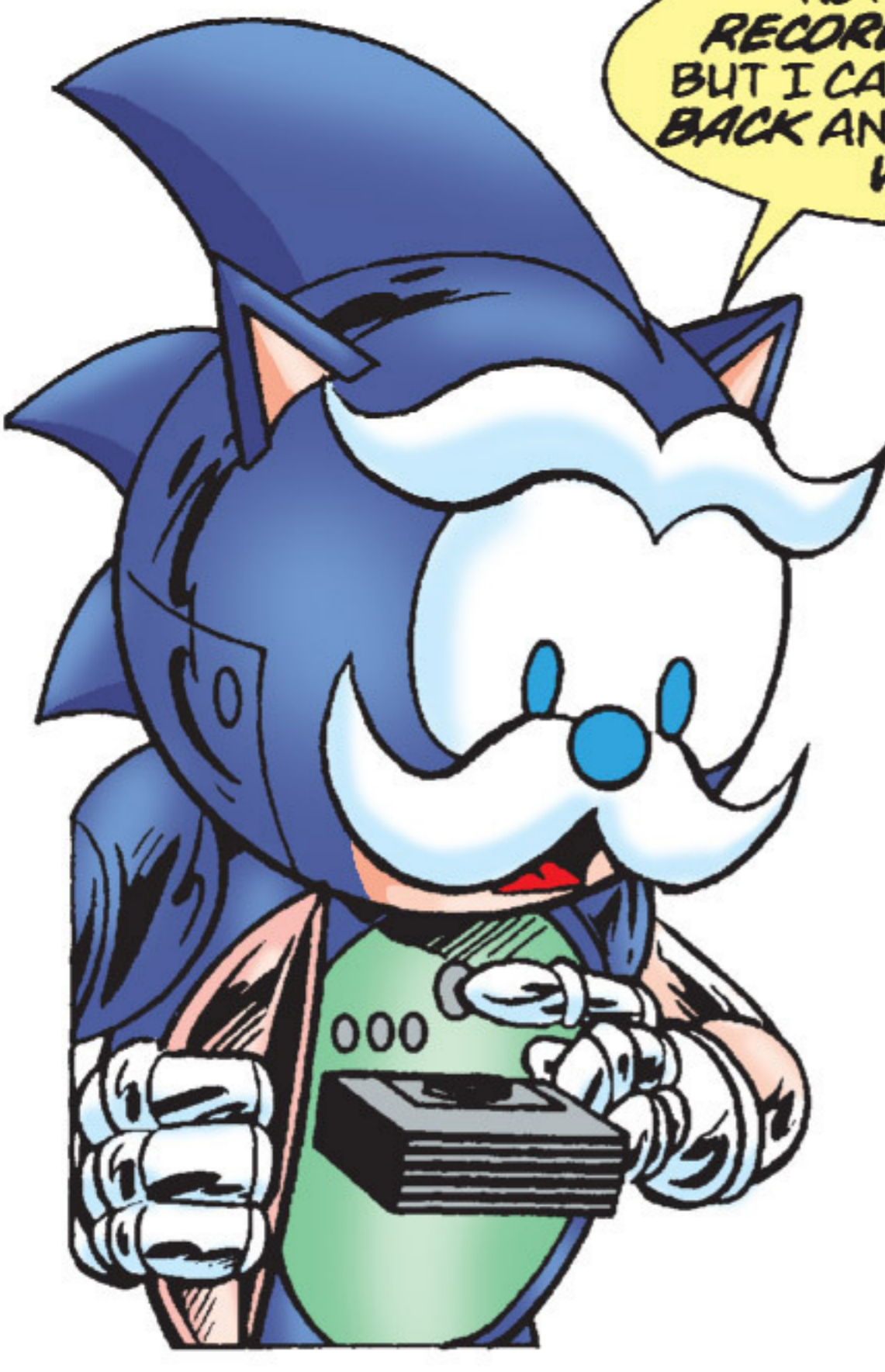


WHERE'S THE POPCORN?

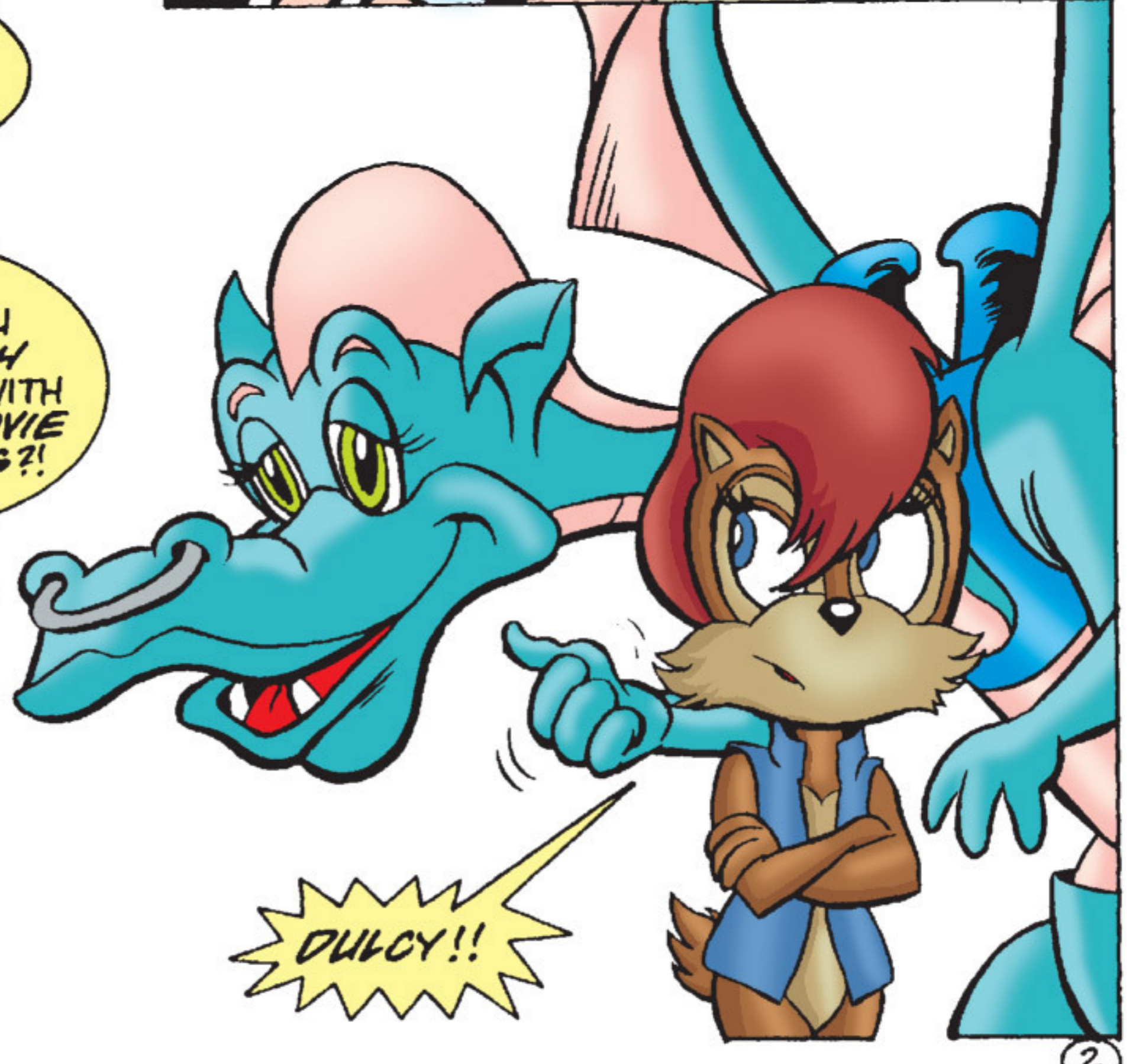
WELL, SONIC, WHAT KIND OF SPY WOULD I BE IF I DIDN'T INSTALL THE NEWEST DIGITAL VIDEO TECHNOLOGY DIRECTLY INTO MY OPTIC SENSORS?!



NOT ONLY CAN I RECORD WHAT I SEE, BUT I CAN ALSO PLAY BACK ANY PRE-RECORDED VIDEO!



YEAH, BUT DO YOU HAVE A DISH ANTENNAE WITH A HUNDRED MOVIE STATIONS?!



DULCY!!

NOT QUITE.
HOWEVER--

--RETRIEVED FROM
ROBOTROPOLIS BY MY SPY
NETWORK, THIS VIDEO IS
A BY-PRODUCT OF A SECRET
SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
USED IN THE FORMER
ROYAL PALACE--

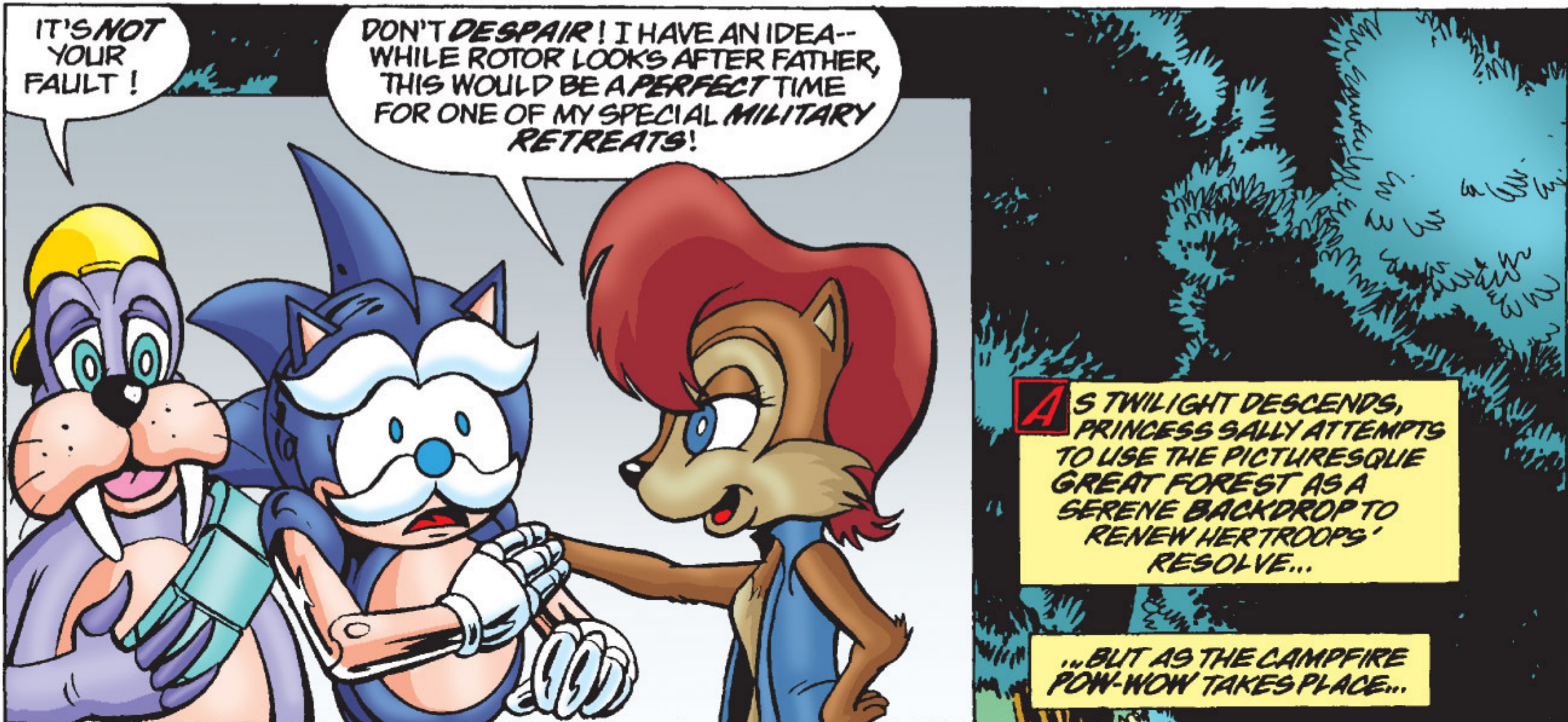
"--AND PROVIDES PROOF THAT
ROBOTNIK, IN HIS FORMER
IDENTITY AS WARLORD
JULIAN, SABOTAGED MY
ORIGINAL ROBOTICIZER!"

"IT WAS HIS INTERVENTION
THAT TRANSFORMED A
TOOL OF MEDICINE INTO A
WEAPON OF WAR."

AND EXCEPT FOR A
FEW TIMES WHEN WE WERE
LUCKY*, I DON'T THINK
WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO
DEROBOTICIZE ALL
THOSE POOR SOULS!

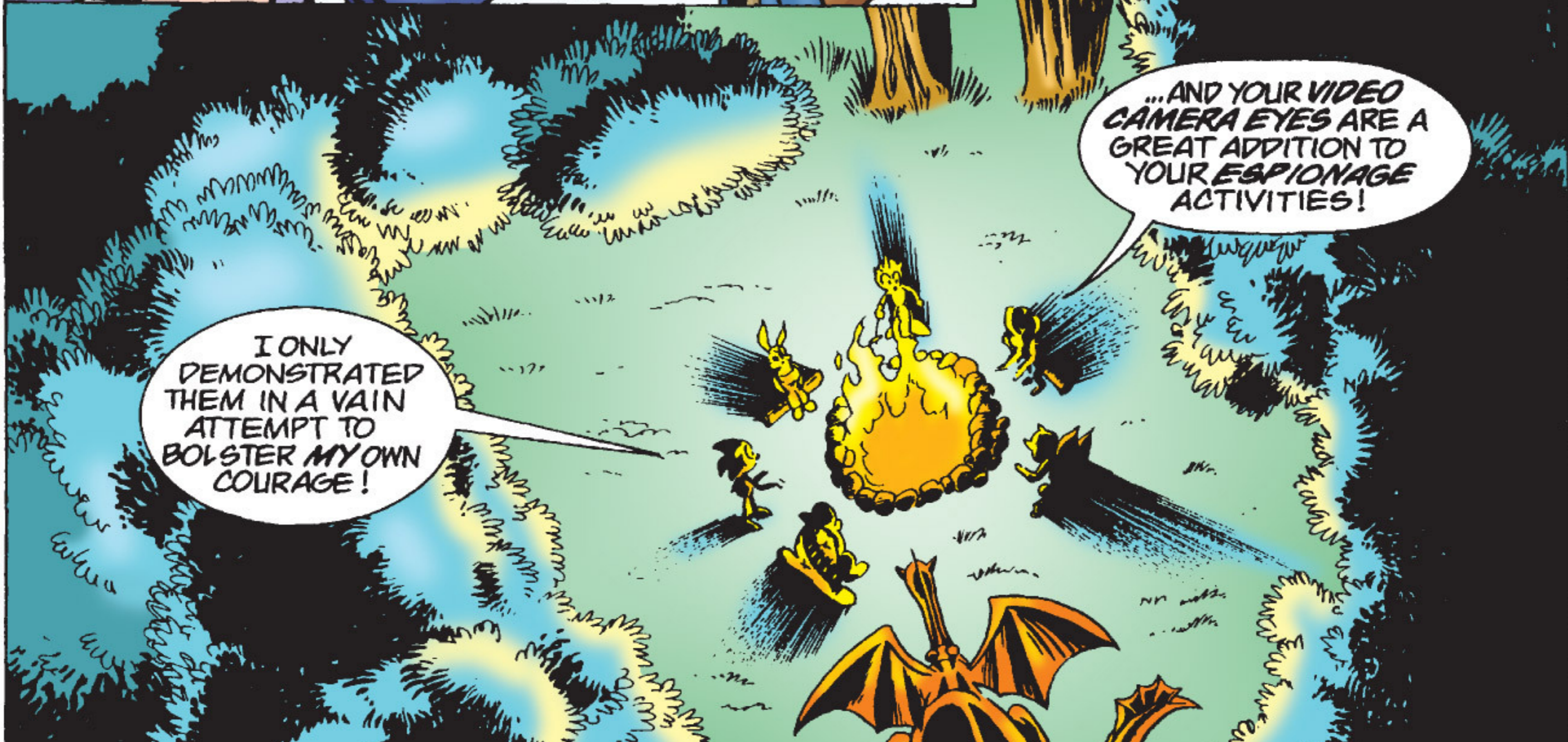
SOME
HUMANITARIAN
I AM!

* CHECK OUT
SONIC #37--
EDITOR.



AS TWILIGHT DESCENDS, PRINCESS SALLY ATTEMPTS TO USE THE PICTURESQUE GREAT FOREST AS A SERENE BACKDROP TO RENEW HER TROOPS' RESOLVE...

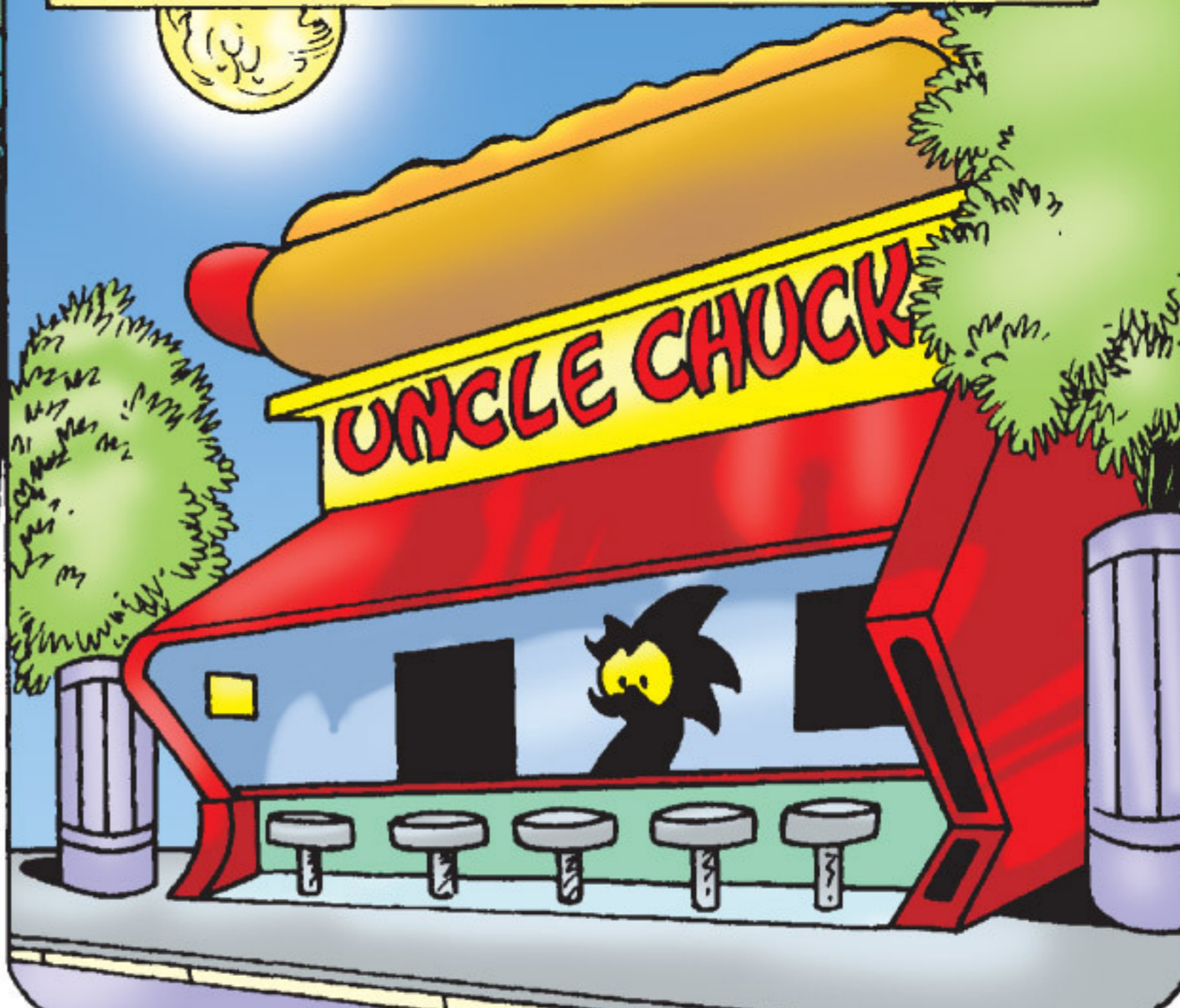
...BUT AS THE CAMPFIRE POW-WOW TAKES PLACE...



I ONLY DEMONSTRATED THEM IN A VAIN ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER MY OWN COURAGE!

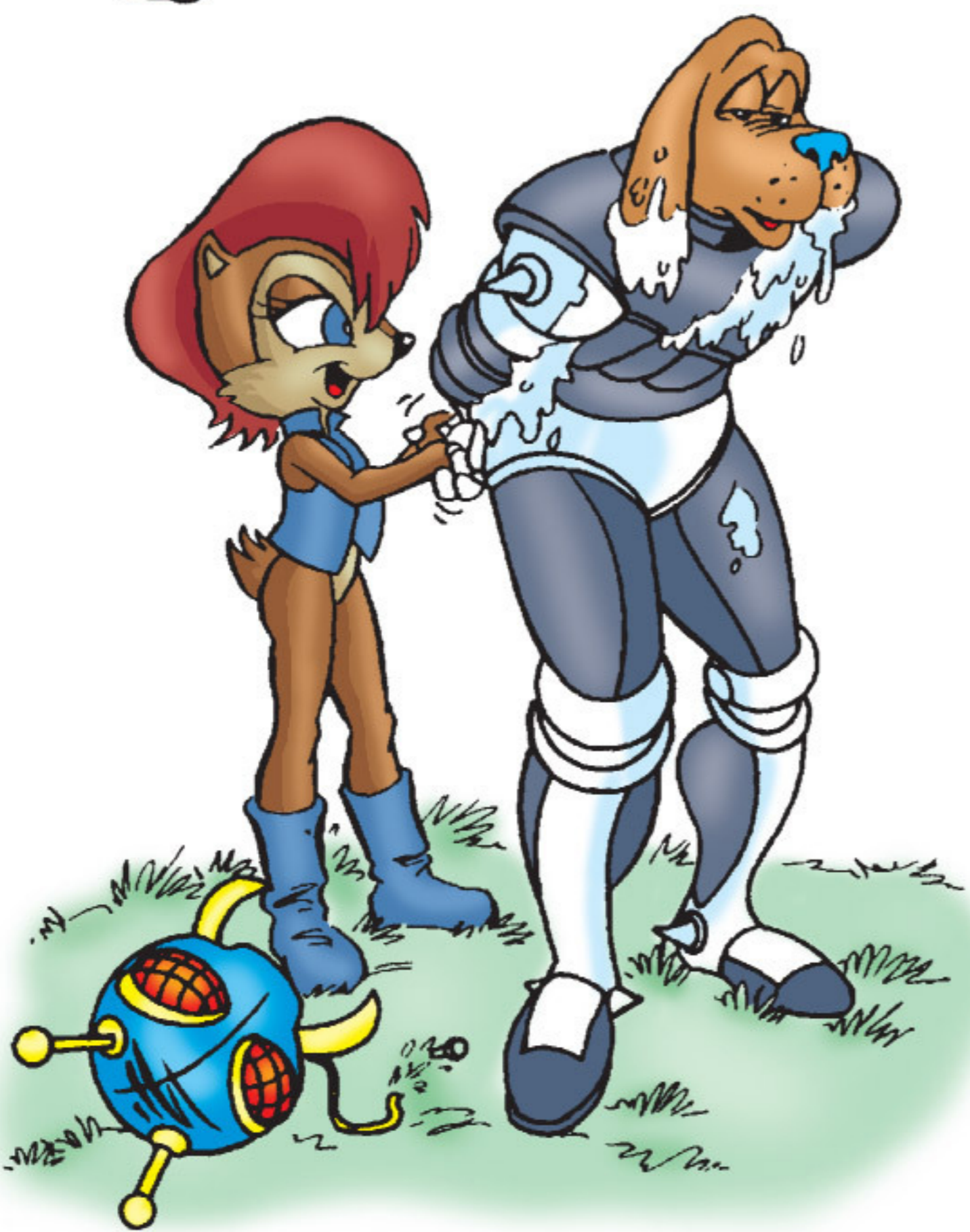


"SO I SUPPRESSED MY REMORSE BY TRANSFORMING FROM SIR CHARLES, INVENTOR, TO UNCLE CHUCK, CHILI-DOG PROPRIETOR!"

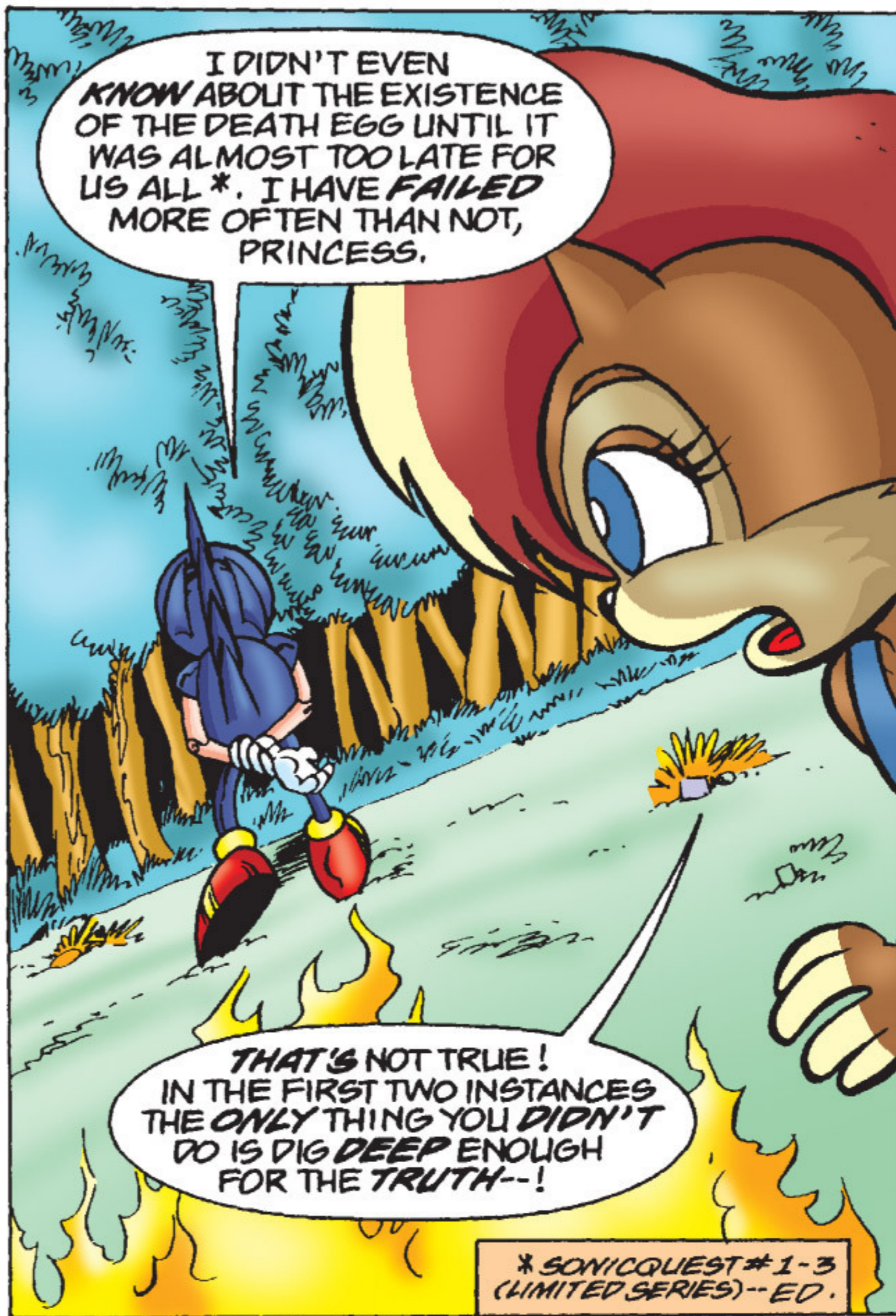




STILL--
 OUR DISCOVERY THAT ONE OF OUR OWN AGENTS, **SLEUTH DOGGY DOG**, IS NOW A CONVICTED TRAITOR*, IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF MY SHORTCOMINGS!



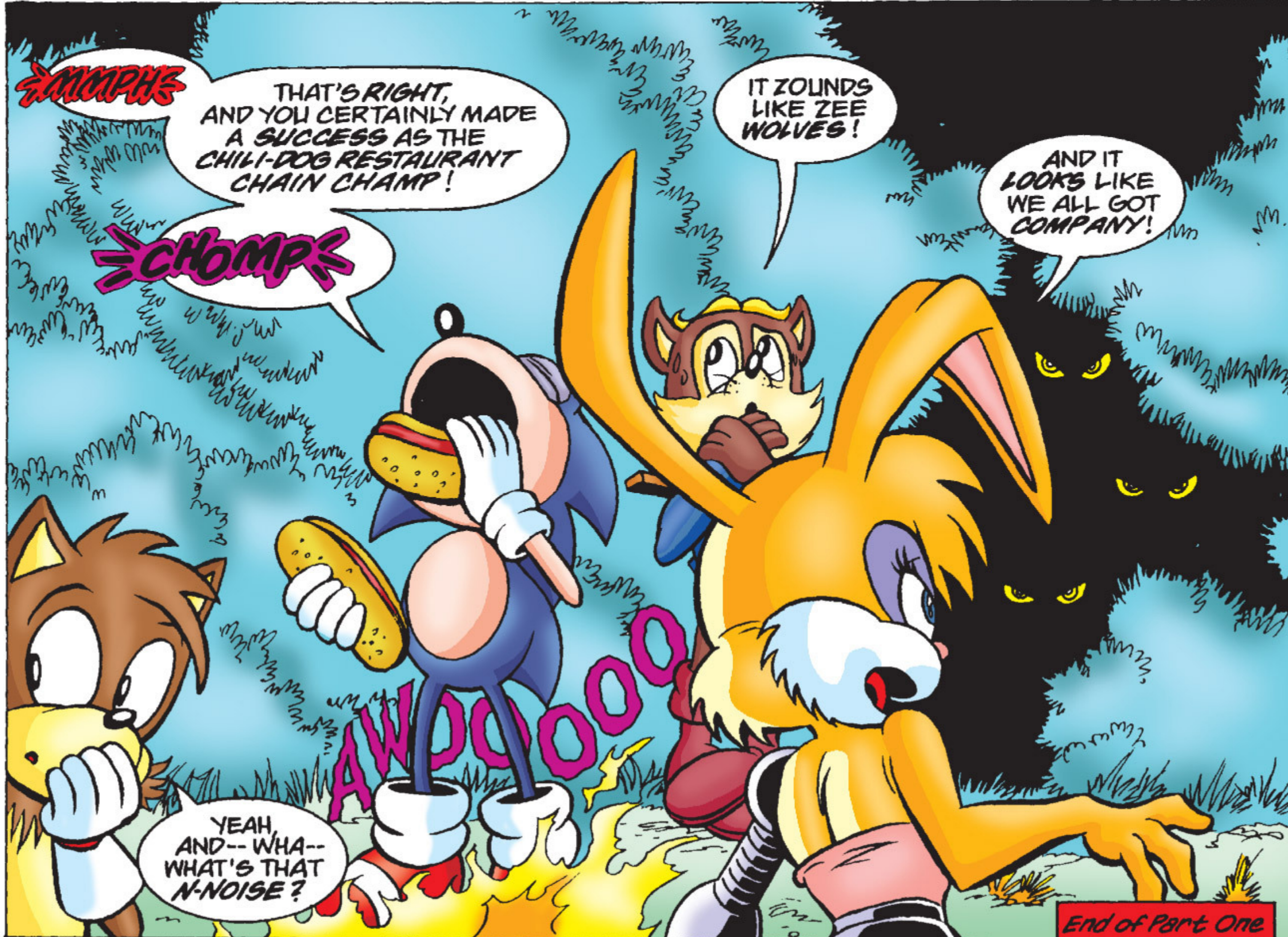
* SONIC #42 -- EDITOR AGAIN!



I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THE DEATH EGG UNTIL IT WAS ALMOST TOO LATE FOR US ALL*. I HAVE FAILED MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, PRINCESS.

THAT'S NOT TRUE! IN THE FIRST TWO INSTANCES THE ONLY THING YOU DIDN'T DO IS DIG DEEP ENOUGH FOR THE TRUTH--!

* SONICQUEST #1-3 (LIMITED SERIES) -- ED.



THAT'S RIGHT, AND YOU CERTAINLY MADE A SUCCESS AS THE CHILI-DOG RESTAURANT CHAIN CHAMP!

CHOMP

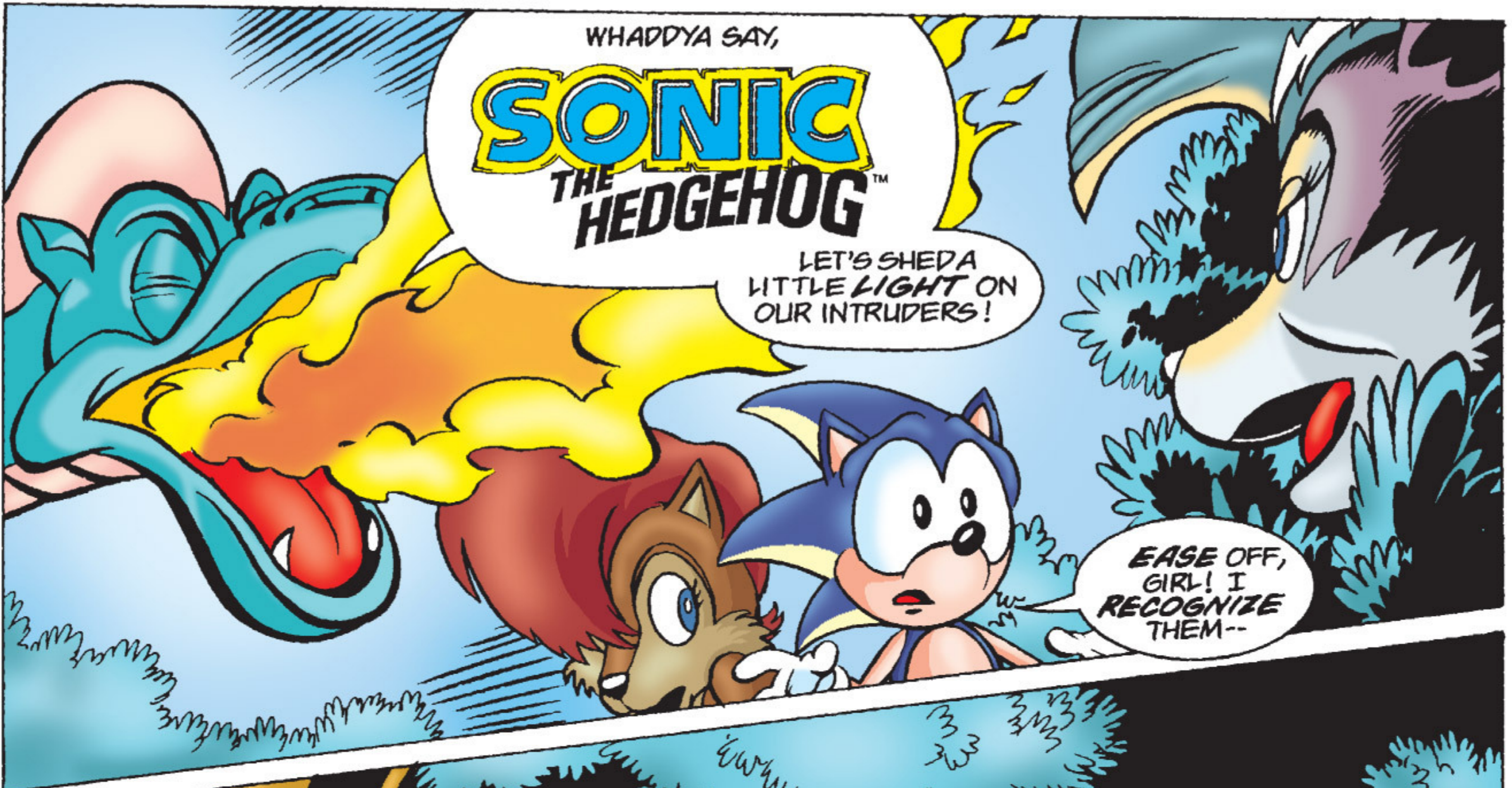
IT SOUNDS LIKE ZEE WOLVES!

AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE ALL GOT COMPANY!

YEAH, AND-- WHA-- WHAT'S THAT N-NOISE?

AWOOOOO

End of Part One



WHADDYA SAY,
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG™

LET'S SHEDA
LITTLE LIGHT ON
OUR INTRUDERS!

EASE OFF,
GIRL! I
RECOGNIZE
THEM--



--THEY'RE THE
BAND OF FREEDOM
FIGHTERS KNOWN AS--
THE WOLFPACK!*

LUPE!
GOOD TO SEE
YOU!

GREETINGS, PRINCESS!
I'M GLAD WE STUMBLERD ON YOUR
FRIENDLY CAMPSITE AFTER
SUCH A FIERCE BATTLE!

* FIRST SEEN IN
THE ANIMATED
EPISODE "CRY
OF THE WOLF".
EDITOR.

A COUNTDOWN TO ARMAGEDDON

PART TWO

AS THE COVERT GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS DETAIL THEIR RECENT CONFLICT...

--AND ROBOTNIK'S BUILDING A NEW LINE OF SUPER 'BOTS!

I HOPE THEY'RE NOT WORSE THAN HIS COMBOTS!*

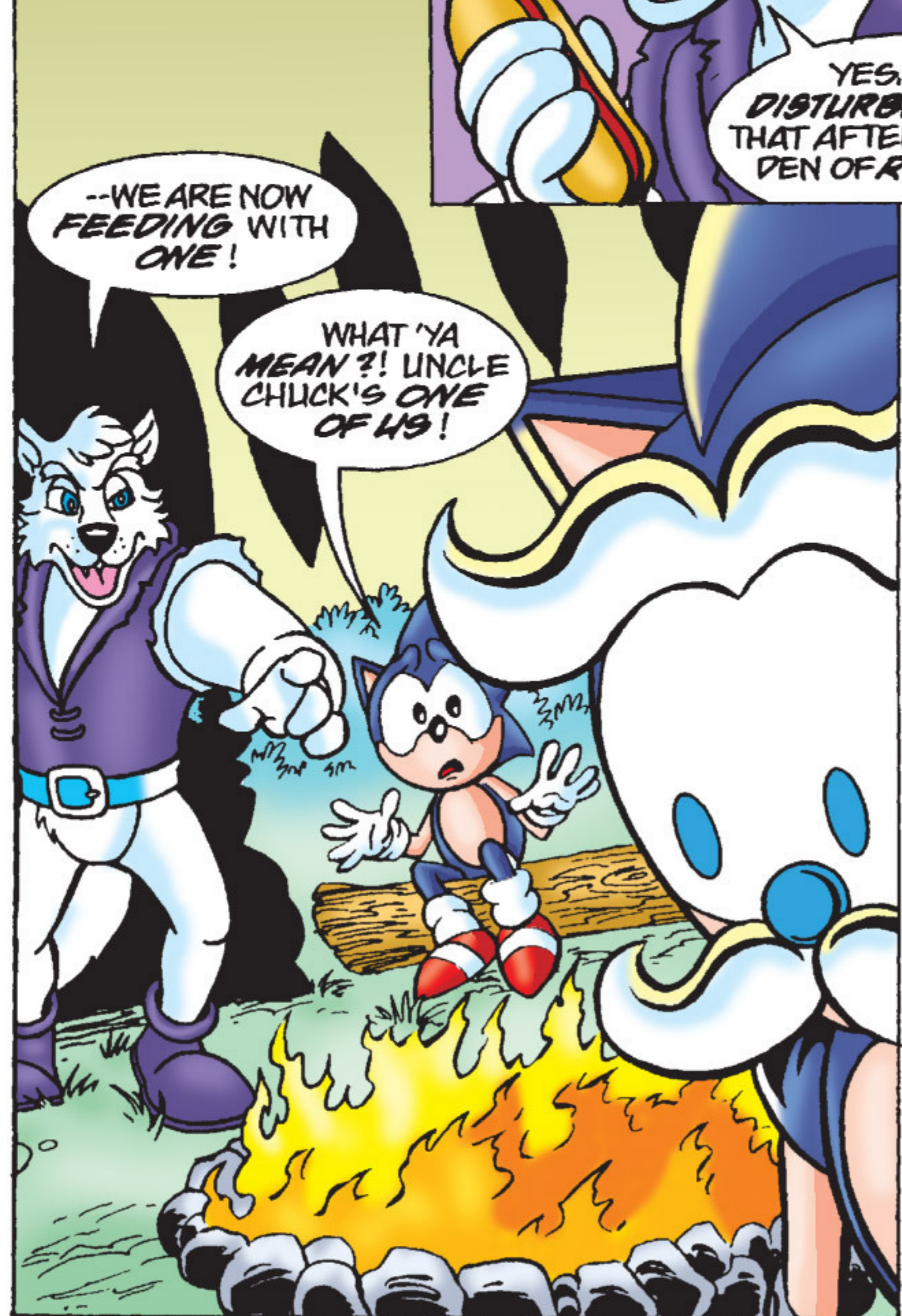


*LAST SEEN IN SONIC # 38-- EDITOR.



DRAGO, DON'T YA LIKE YER CHILI DO--ER--CHILI WIENER?

YES, WHAT'S DISTURBING ME IS THAT AFTER LEAVING A DEN OF ROBOTS--



--WE ARE NOW FEEDING WITH ONE!

WHAT 'YA MEAN?! UNCLE CHUCK'S ONE OF US!



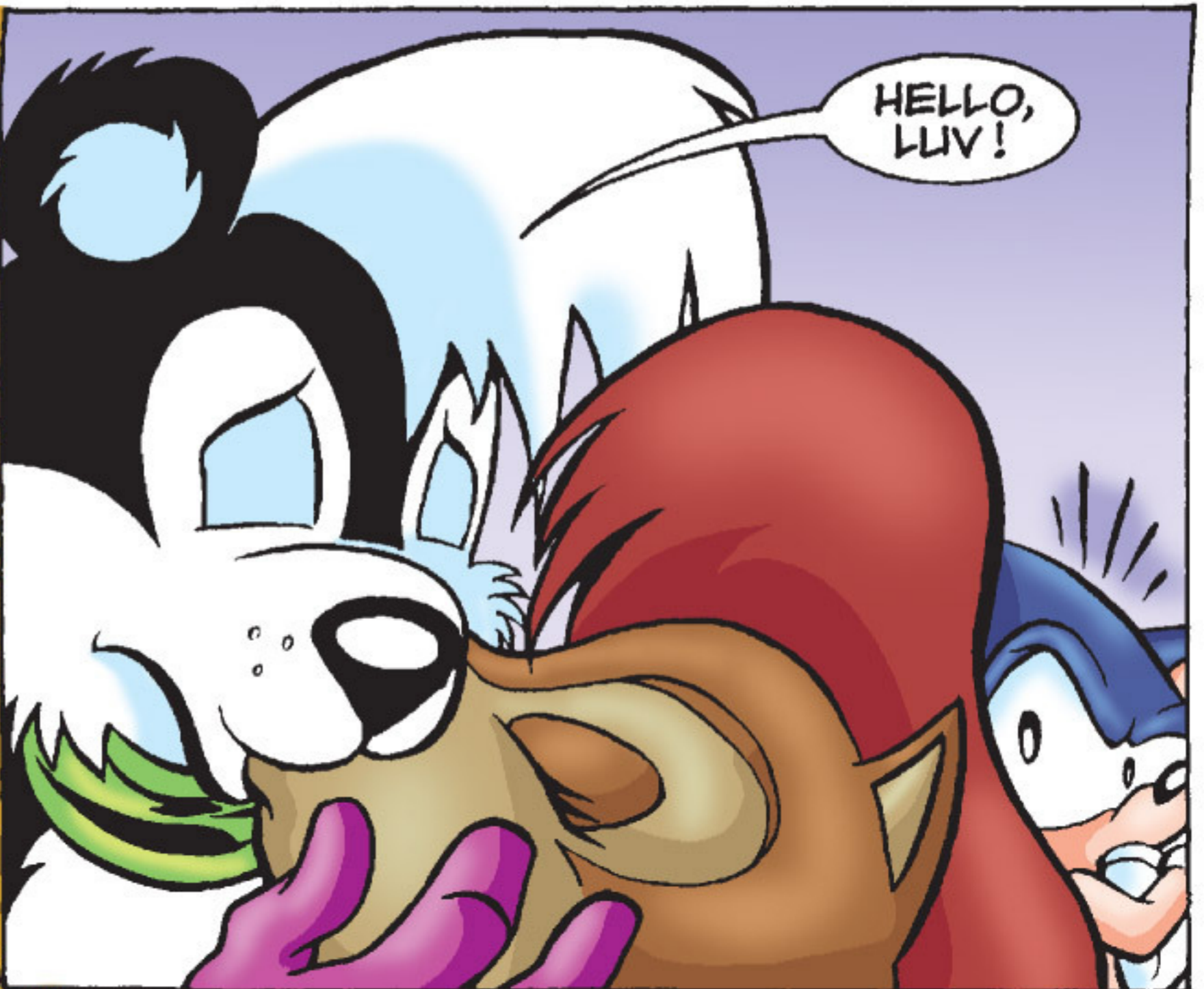
REALLY? HOW DO YOU KNOW HE'S NOT ROBOTNIK'S SPY?

BECAUSE I SAY SO, TOUGH GUY!

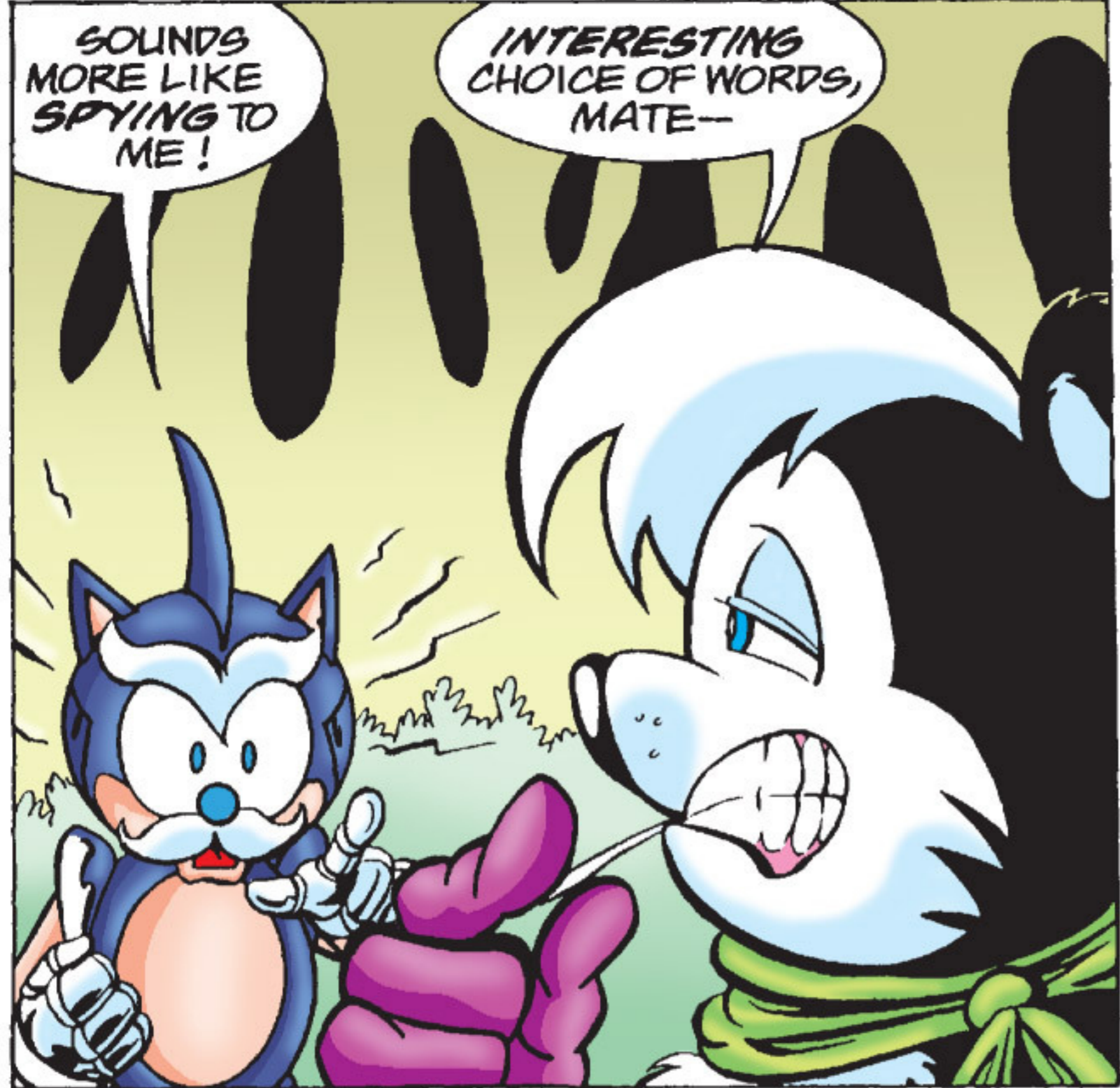
--AND WHEN SONIC THE AMATEUR, SPEAKS, PEOPLE LISTEN!

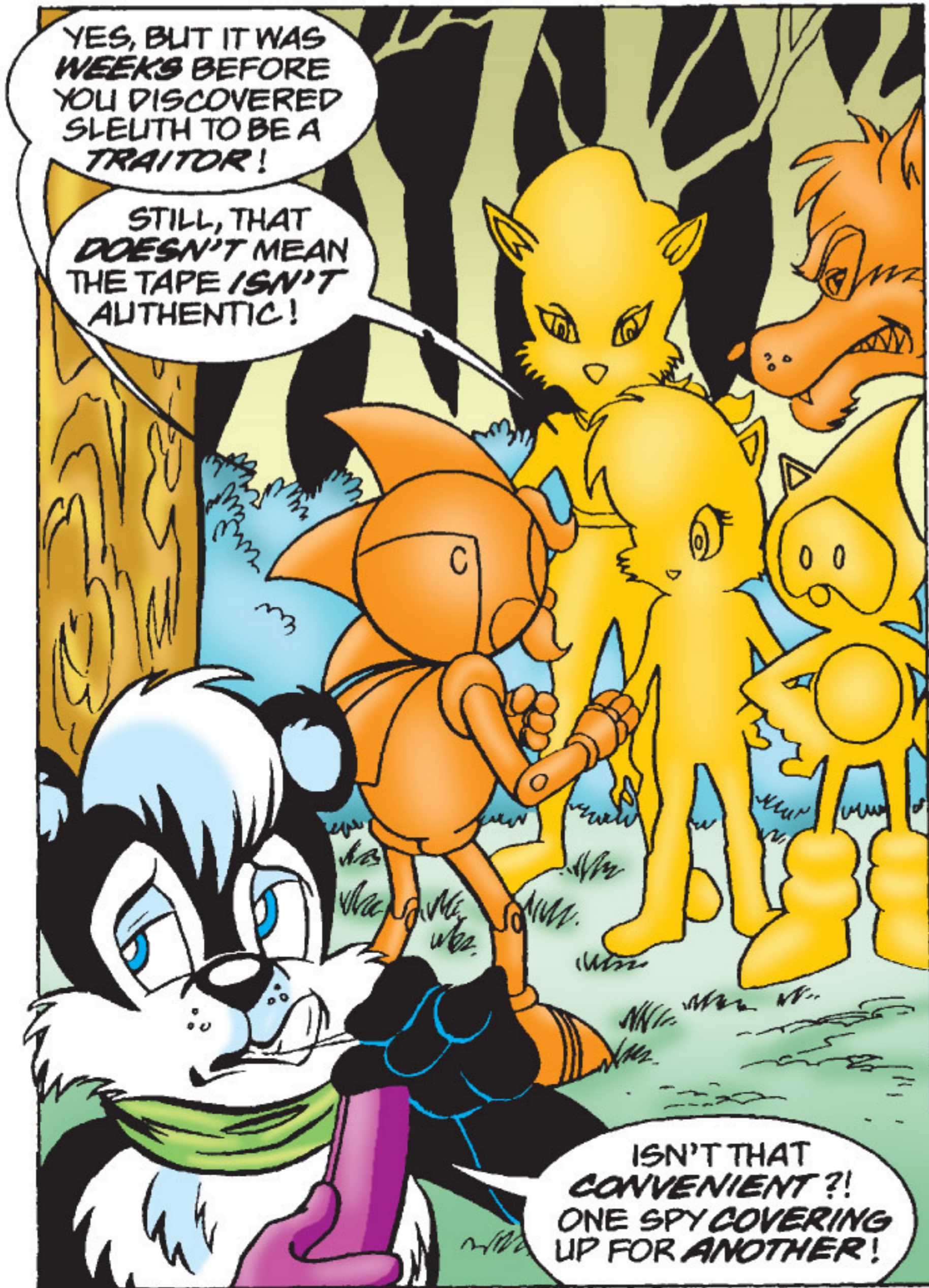
NOW TAKE MY PROFESSIONAL ADVICE--CLIMB DOWN ON THE CAMPFIRE BEFORE YOU ATTRACT THE ENTIRE PLANET!

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN*, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?



*REMEMBER HIM, GANG? HE FIRST APPEARED IN THE PRINCESS SALLY MINI-SERIES, AND HAS BEEN A PAIN IN SONIC'S SIDE SINCE ISSUE #31! -- EDITOR.





YES, BUT IT WAS WEEKS BEFORE YOU DISCOVERED SLEUTH TO BE A TRAITOR!

STILL, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE TAPE ISN'T AUTHENTIC!

ISN'T THAT CONVENIENT?! ONE SPY COVERING UP FOR ANOTHER!



TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T REALIZE MY REBEL UNDERGROUND SNIFFED OUT YOUR DECEPTION!

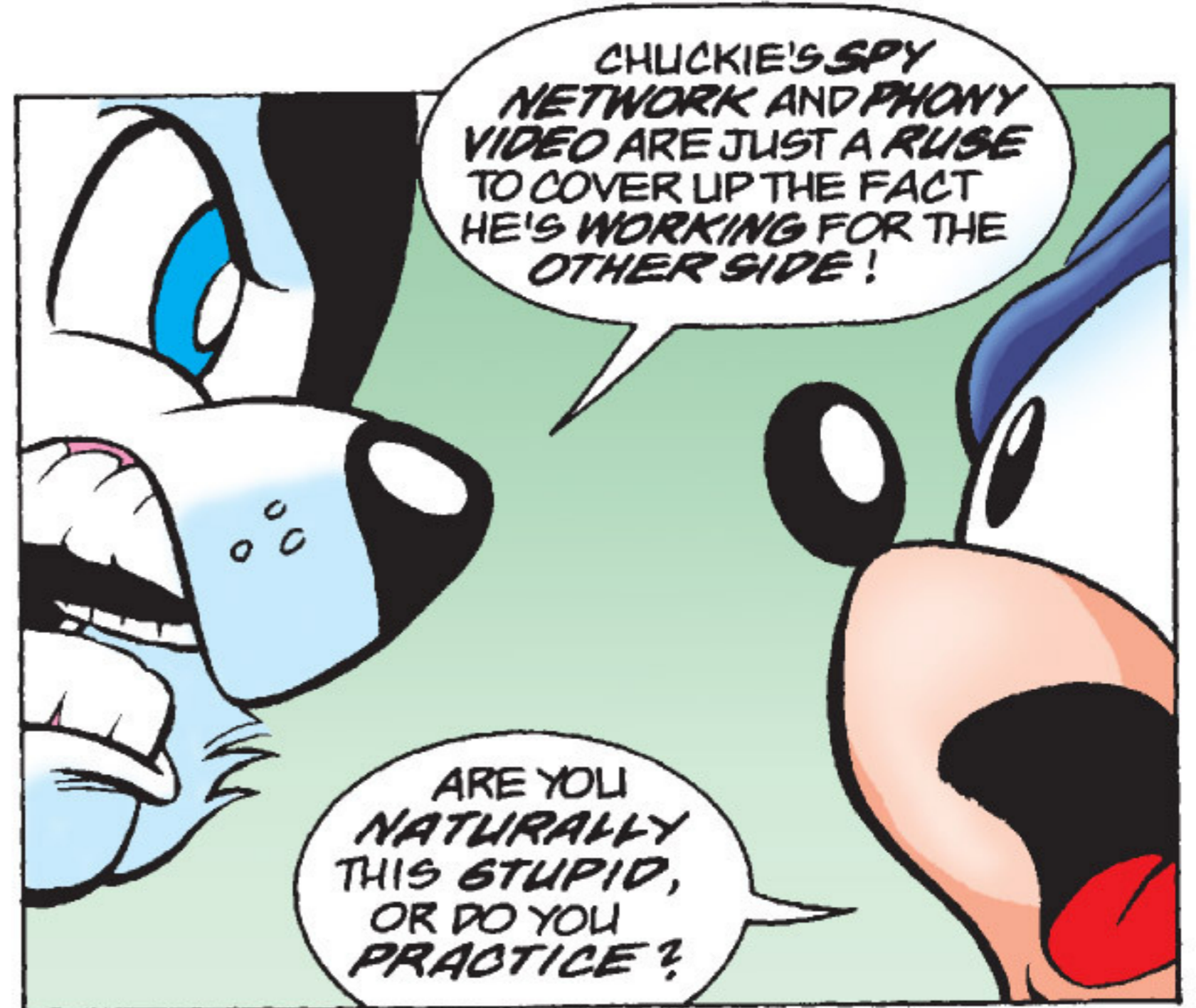
WE DIDN'T KNOW YOU SNIFFED, WE JUST THOUGHT YOU SMELLED!



QUIET, DULCY!

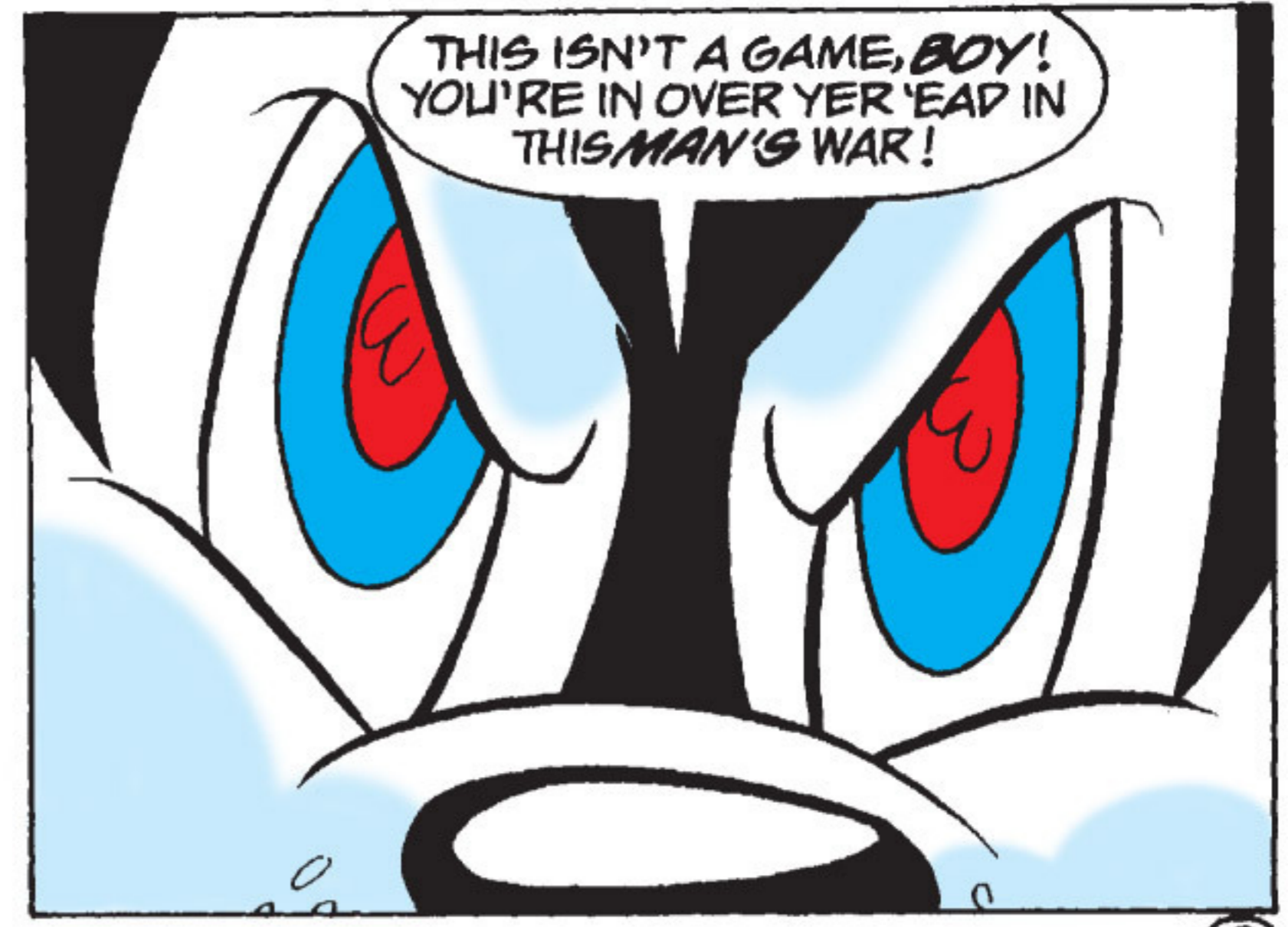
WHAT DECEPTION?

DON'T YOU BLOKES GET IT?



CHUCKIE'S SPY NETWORK AND PHONY VIDEO ARE JUST A RUSE TO COVER UP THE FACT HE'S WORKING FOR THE OTHER SIDE!

ARE YOU NATURALLY THIS STUPID, OR DO YOU PRACTICE?

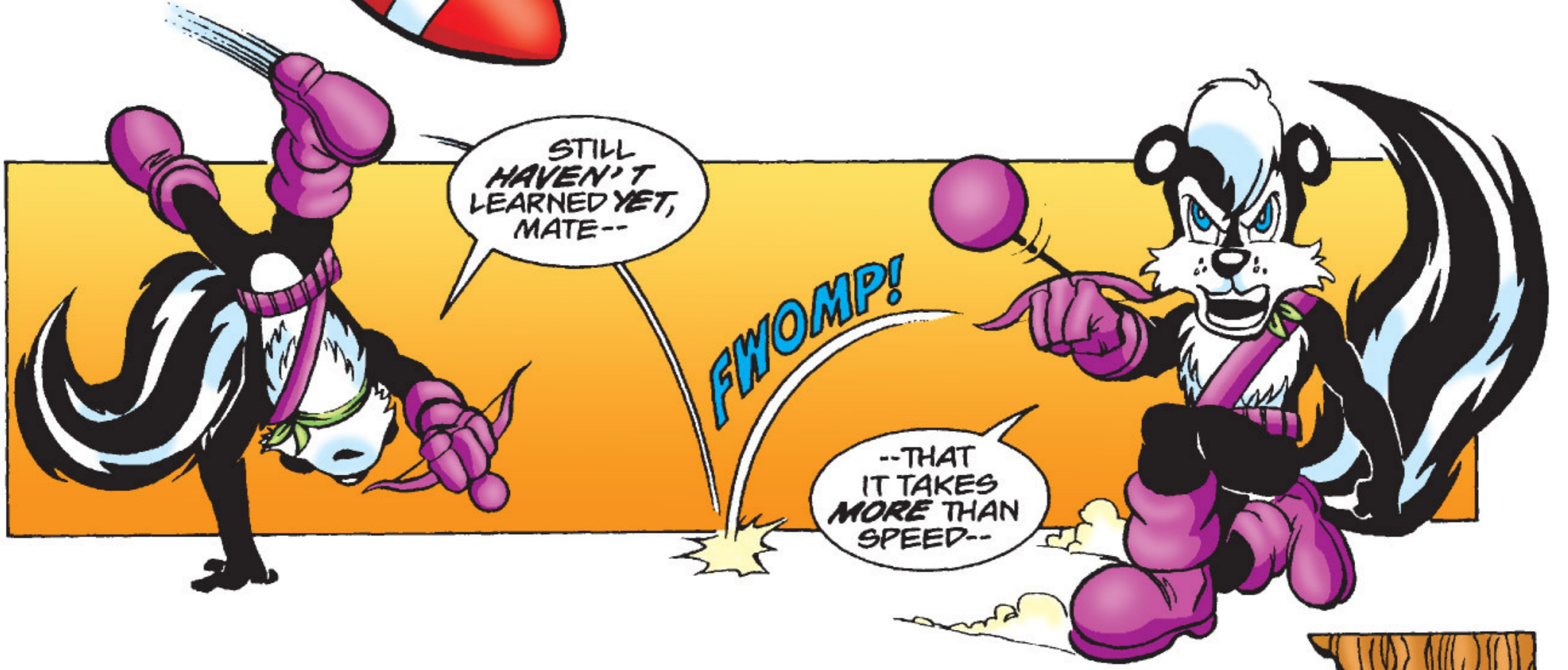


THIS ISN'T A GAME, BOY! YOU'RE IN OVER YER'EAD IN THIS MAN'S WAR!



WELL, YOUR HEAD'S GOING TO BE SLICKING DIRT!

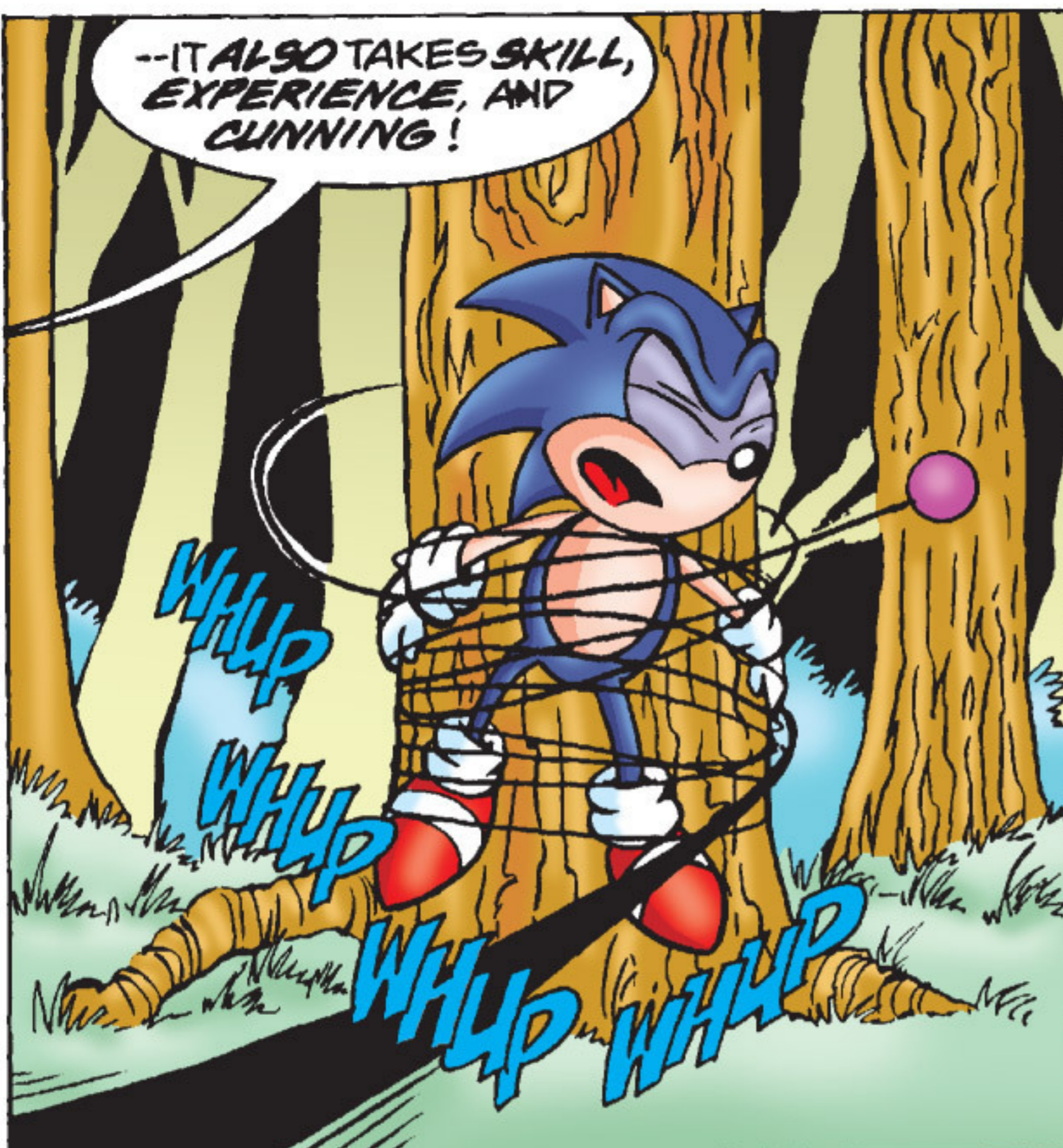
WHUFF



STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED YET, MATE--

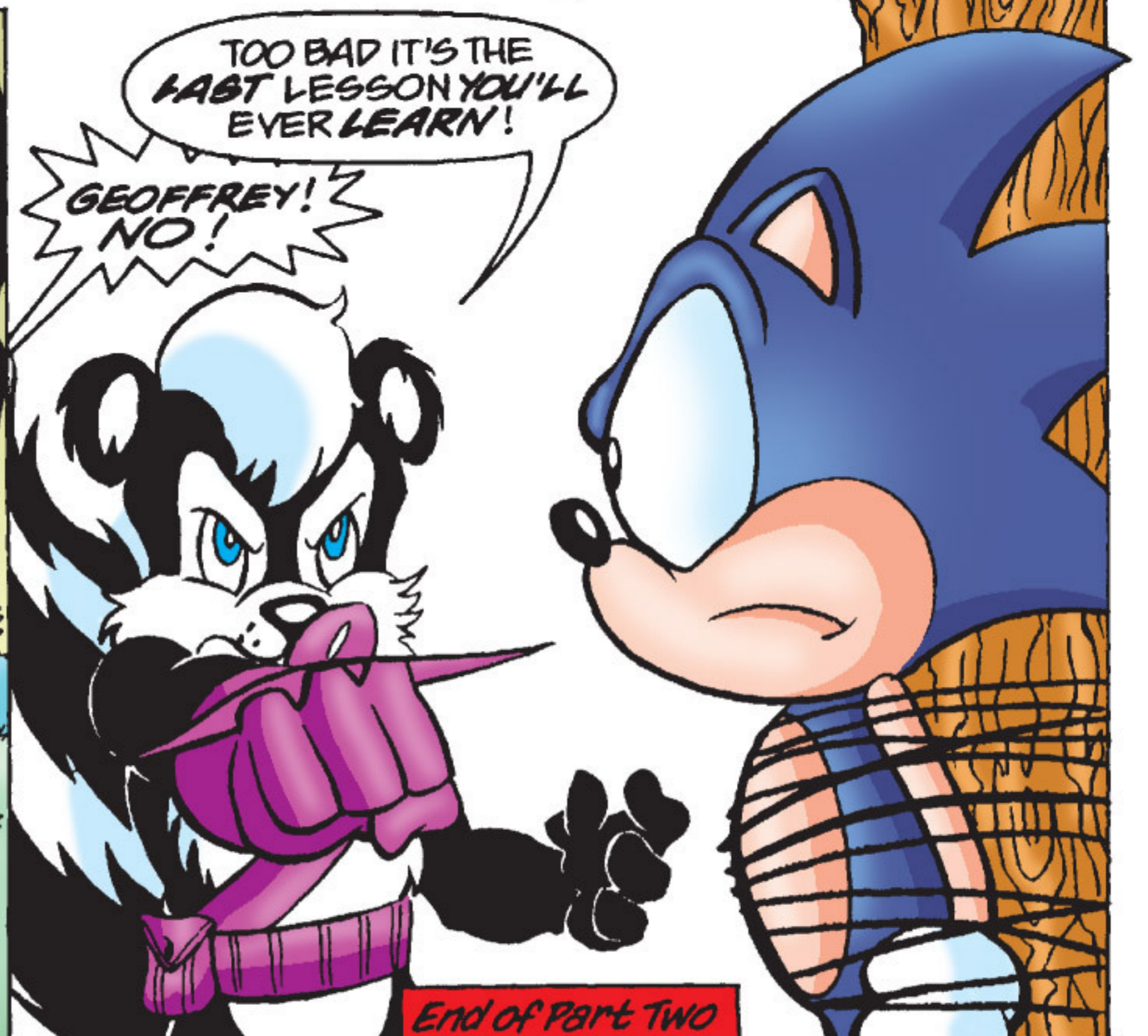
FWOMP!

--THAT IT TAKES MORE THAN SPEED--



--IT ALSO TAKES SKILL, EXPERIENCE, AND CUNNING!

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP



TOO BAD IT'S THE LAST LESSON YOU'LL EVER LEARN!

GEOFFREY!
NO!

End of Part Two

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PART THREE

THAT EES ENOUGH!

THE 'EDGEHOG MAY BE ZEE IMBECILE LIKE YOU, BUT EVEN HE DOES NOT DESAIRVE DEATH!

SAVED AND INSULTED IN THE SAME SECOND-- NOW THAT'S SPEED!

THRACK!

WOW! WOTTA PUNCH!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, MATE? THIS DOESN'T INVOLVE YOU!

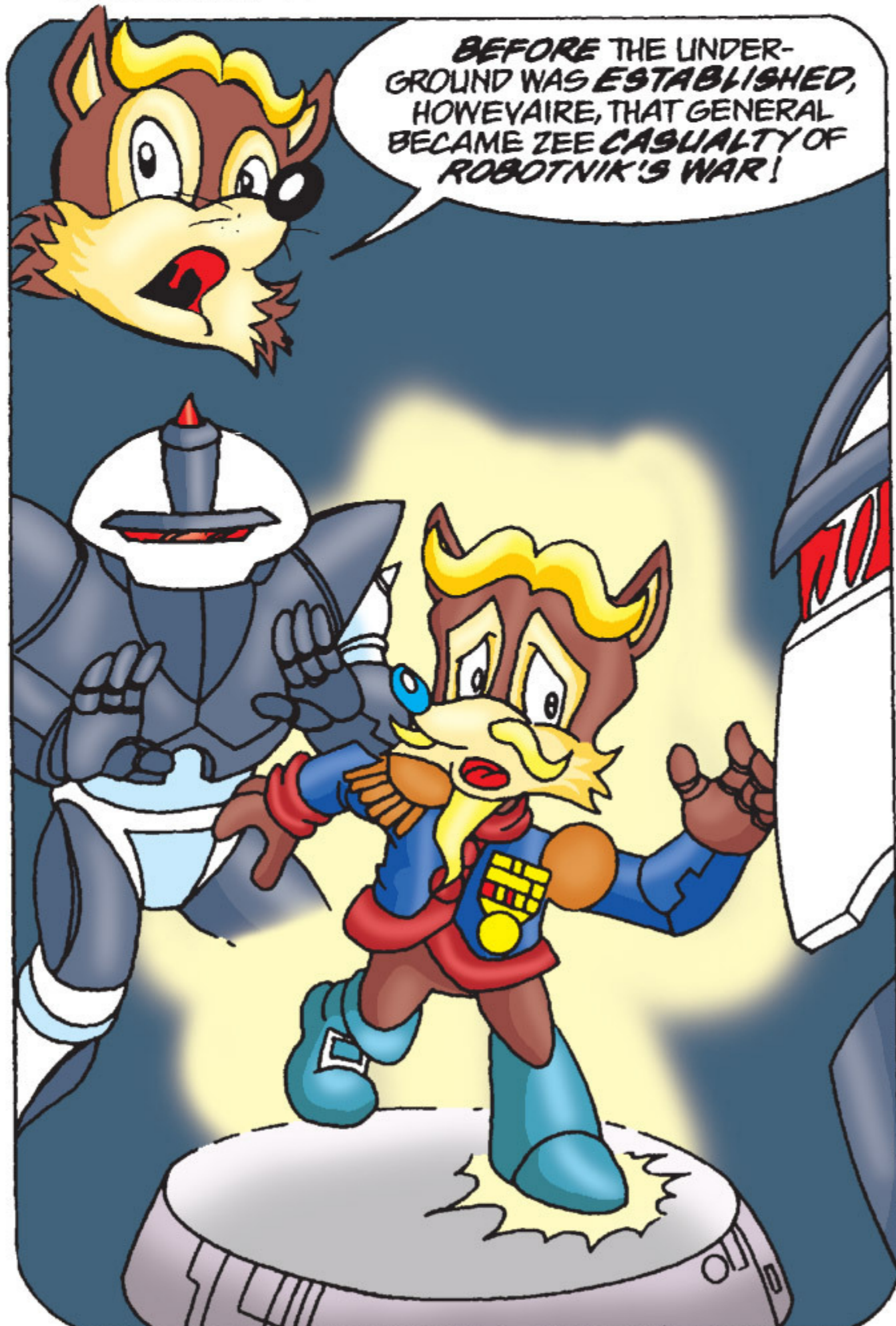
MY PROBLEM IS WITH YOU, L'PEW.

I WILL NO LONGER SUBDUE MY DOUBTS ABOUT YOU!

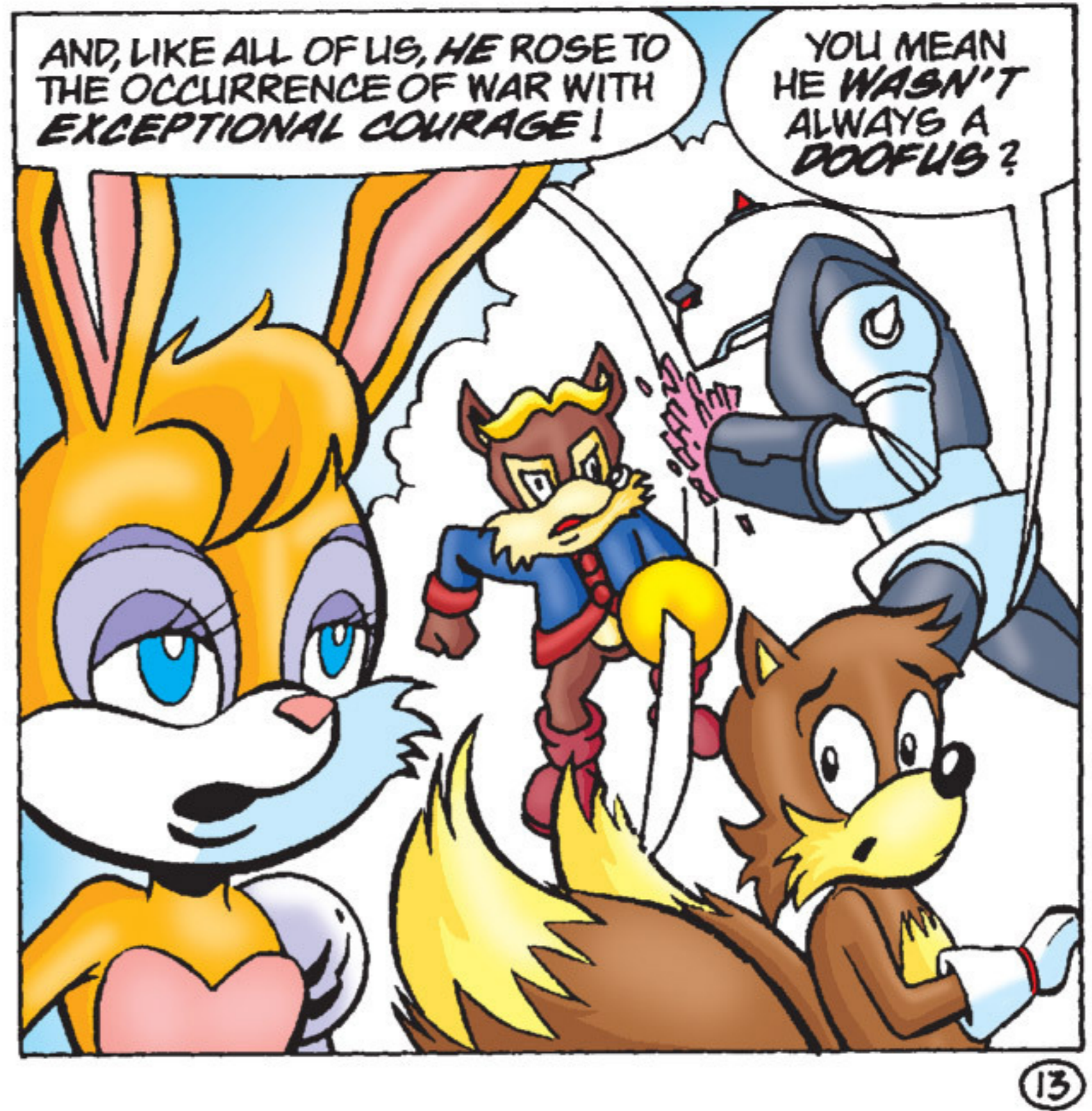
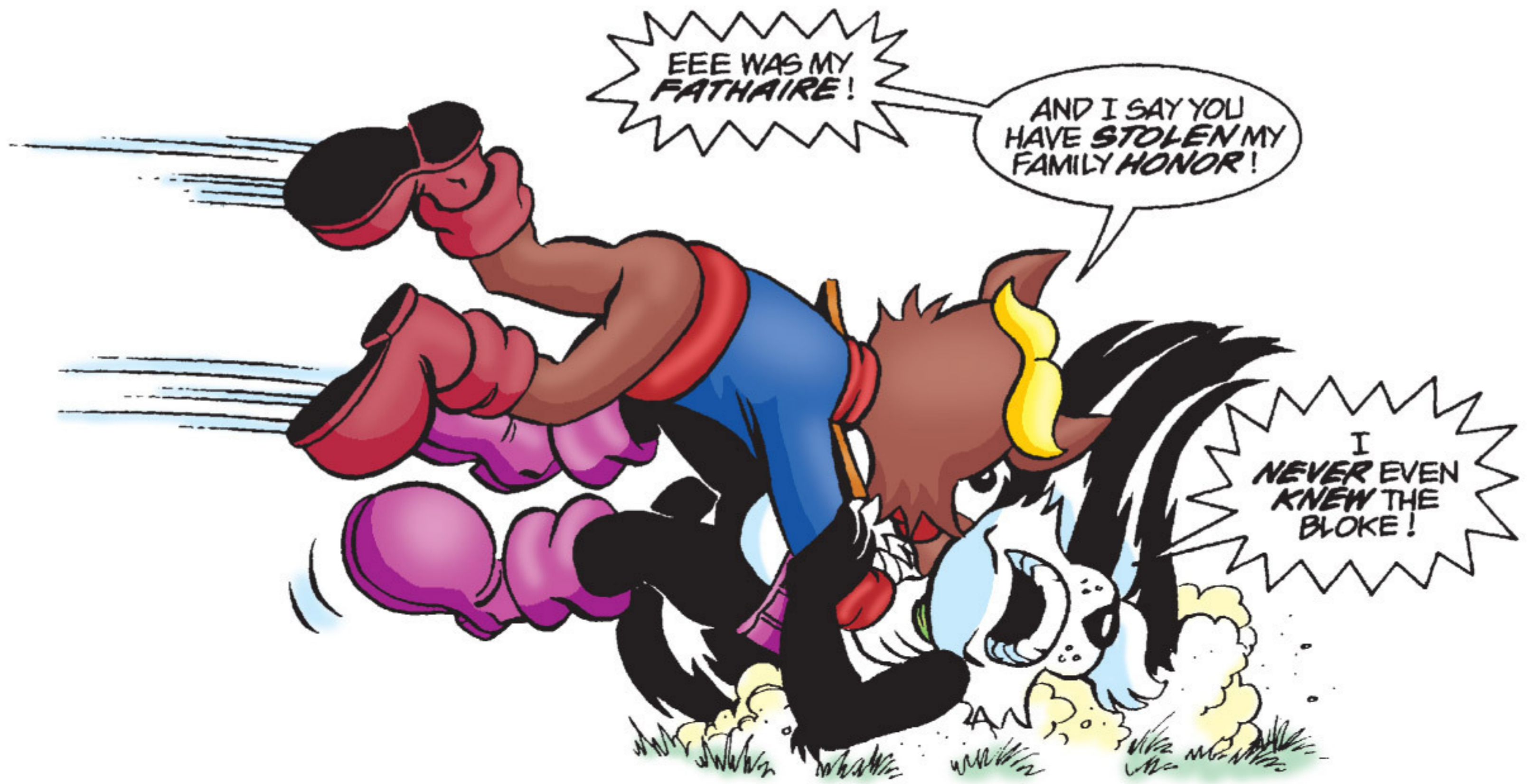
YOU DAIRE TO SAY UNCLE CHUCK IS ZEE TRAITOR?

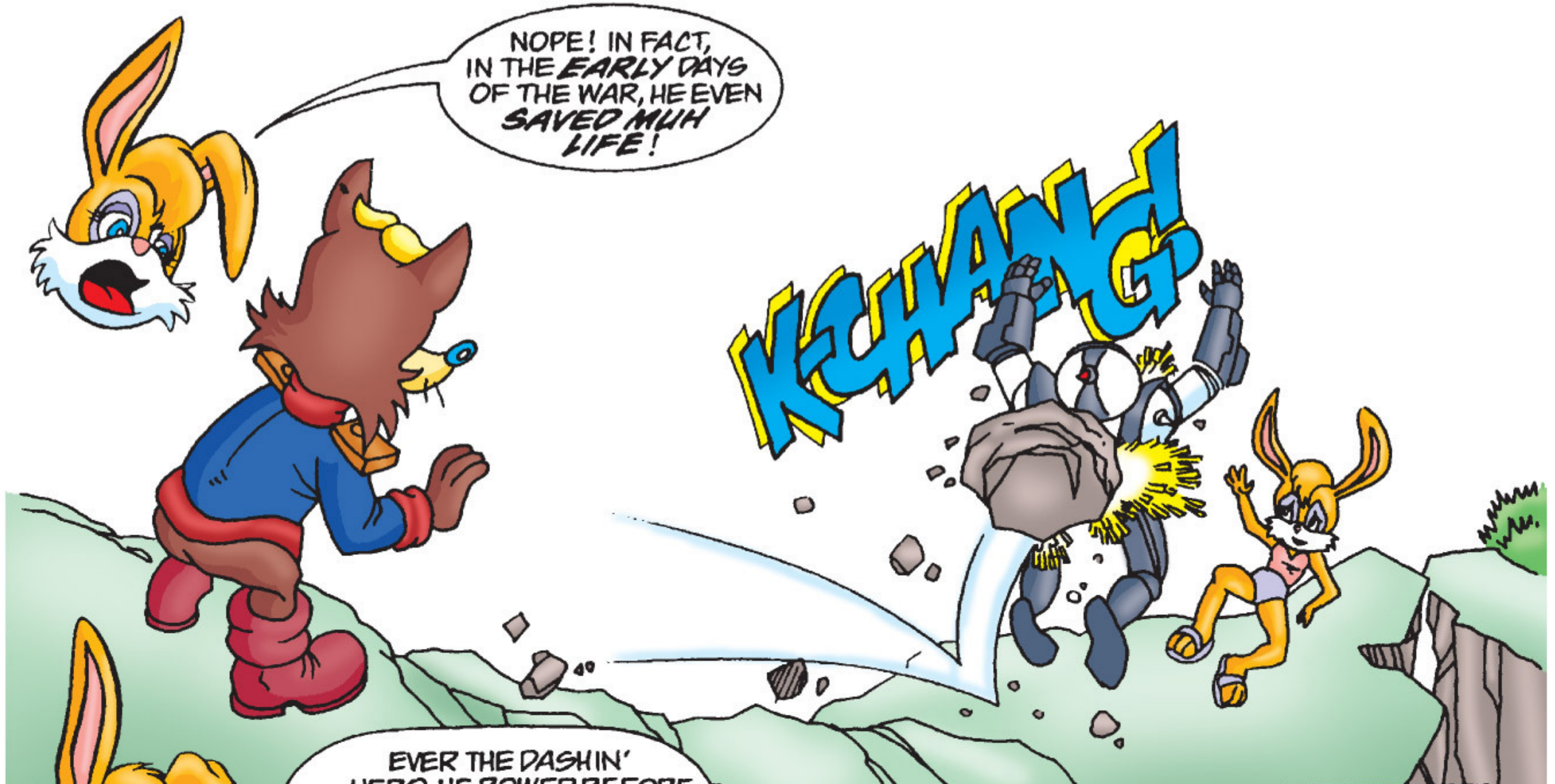
NO! IT IS YOU WHO ARE ZEE SPY!

HOW CAN THAT BE?



* WAY BACK IN SONIC #20--EDITOR.



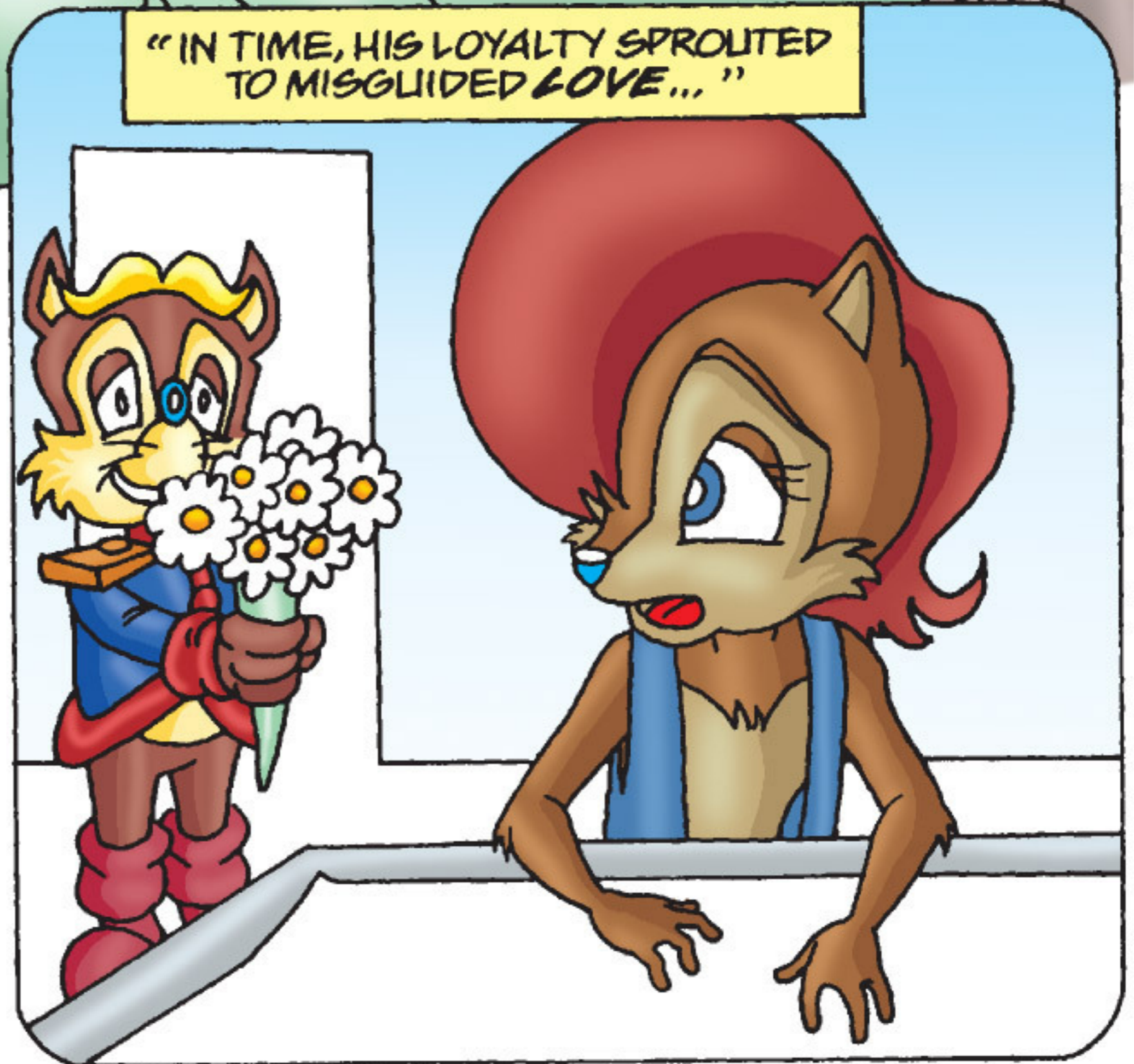


NOPE! IN FACT, IN THE *EARLY* DAYS OF THE WAR, HE EVEN *SAVED* MUH LIFE!

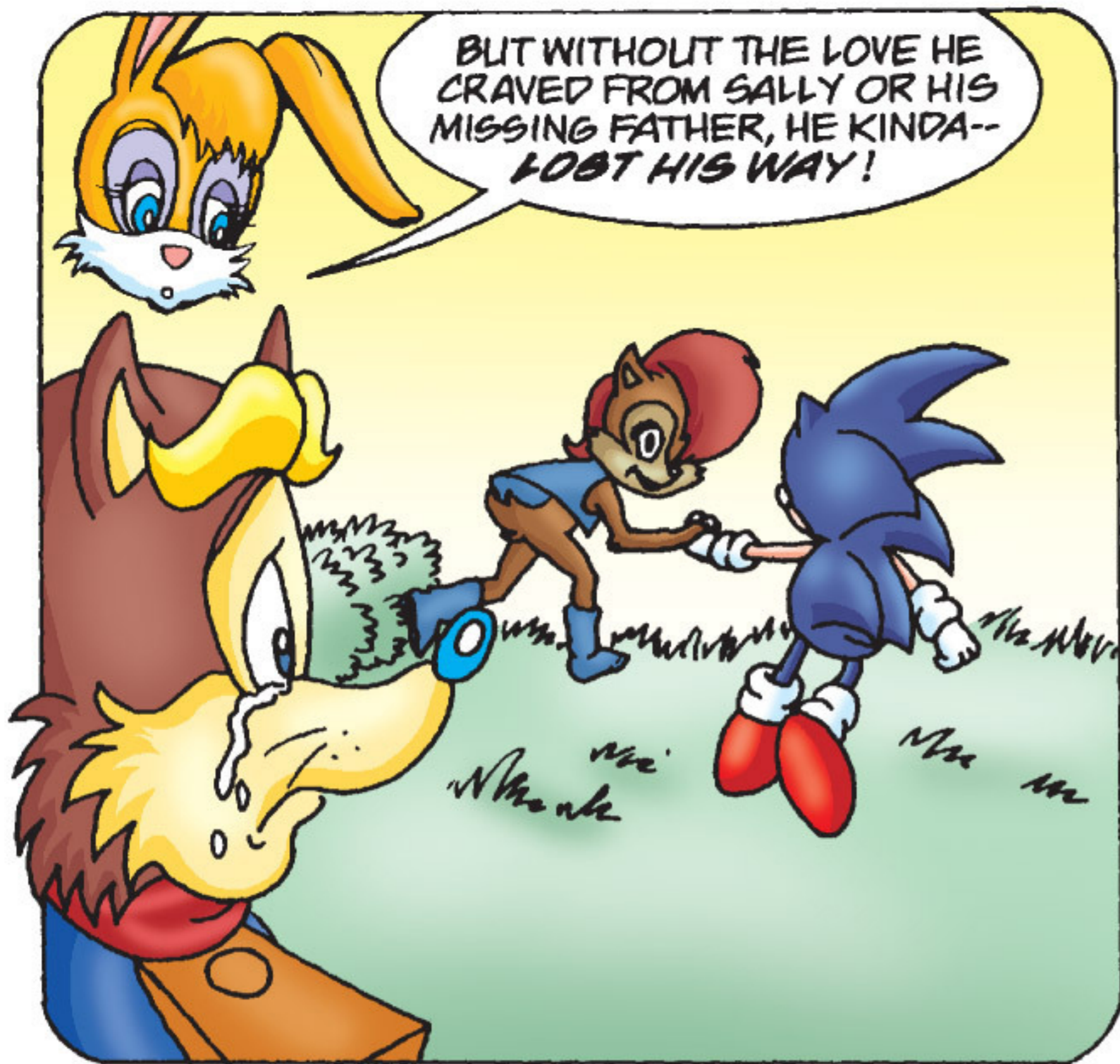
KACHANG!



EVER THE DASHIN' HERO, HE BOWED BEFORE *ROYALTY*, OFFERING HIS *HONOR* AND *COURAGE* TO *RESTORE* THE REALM!



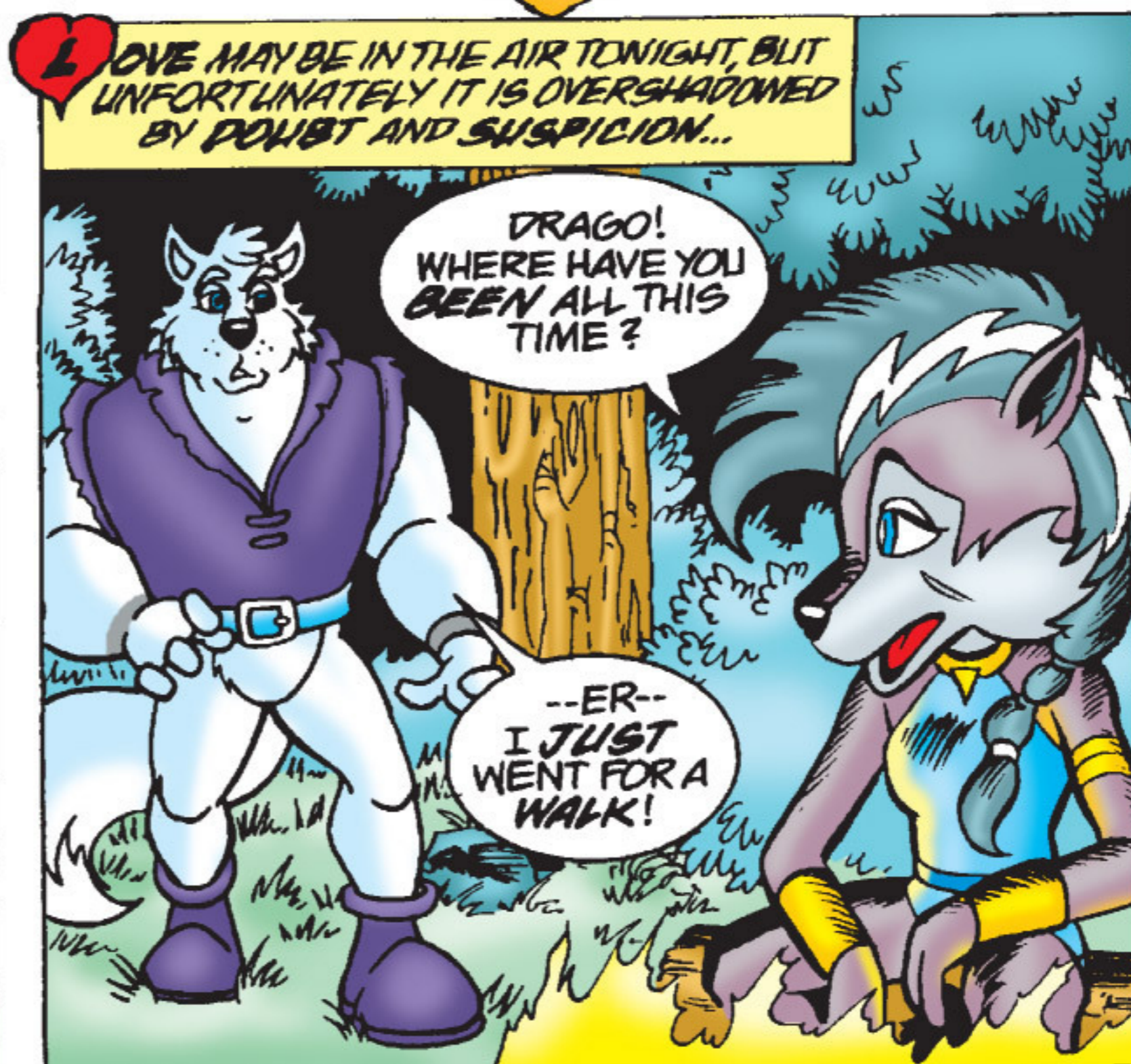
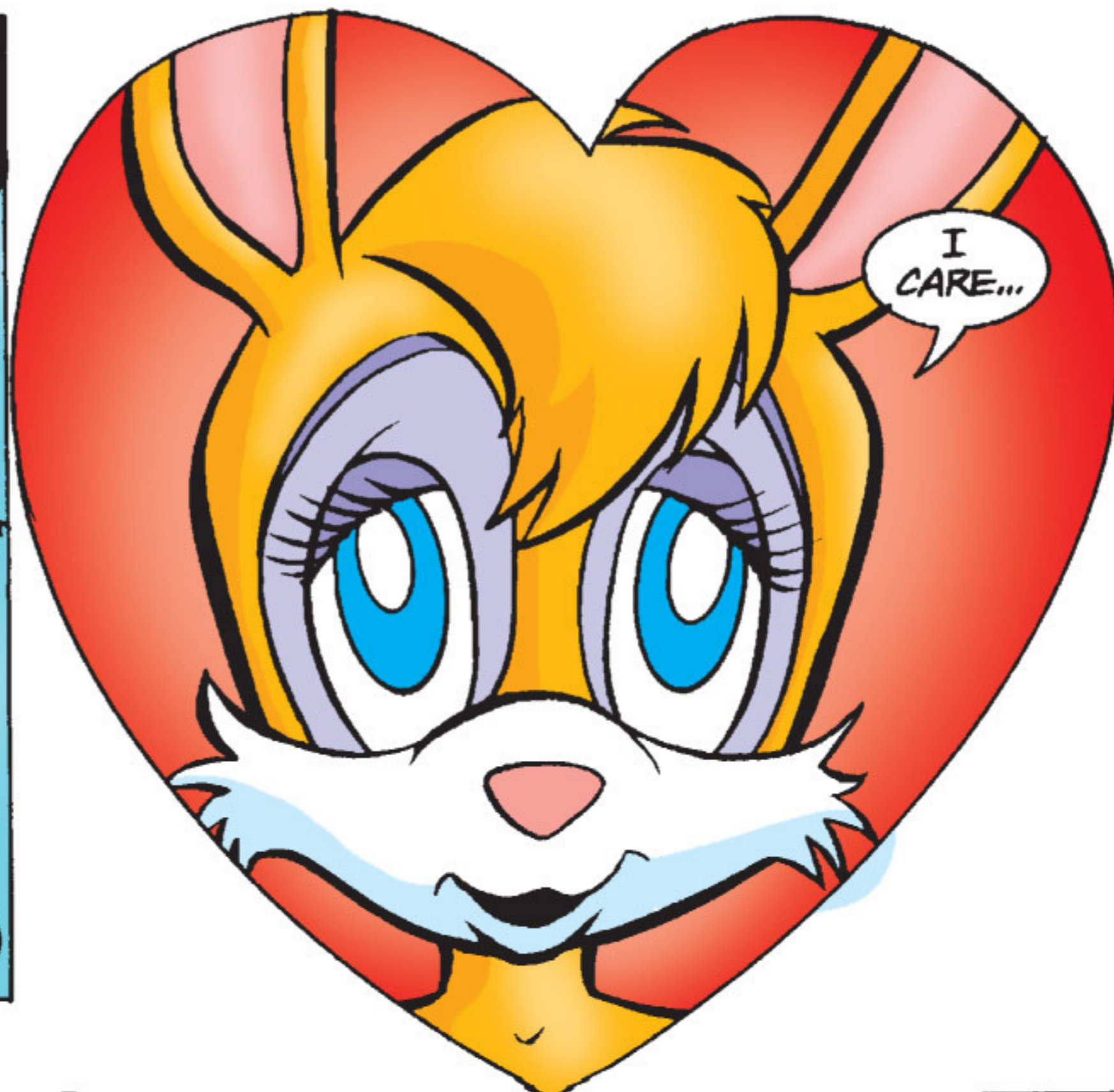
"IN TIME, HIS LOYALTY SPROUTED TO MISGLUIDED LOVE..."

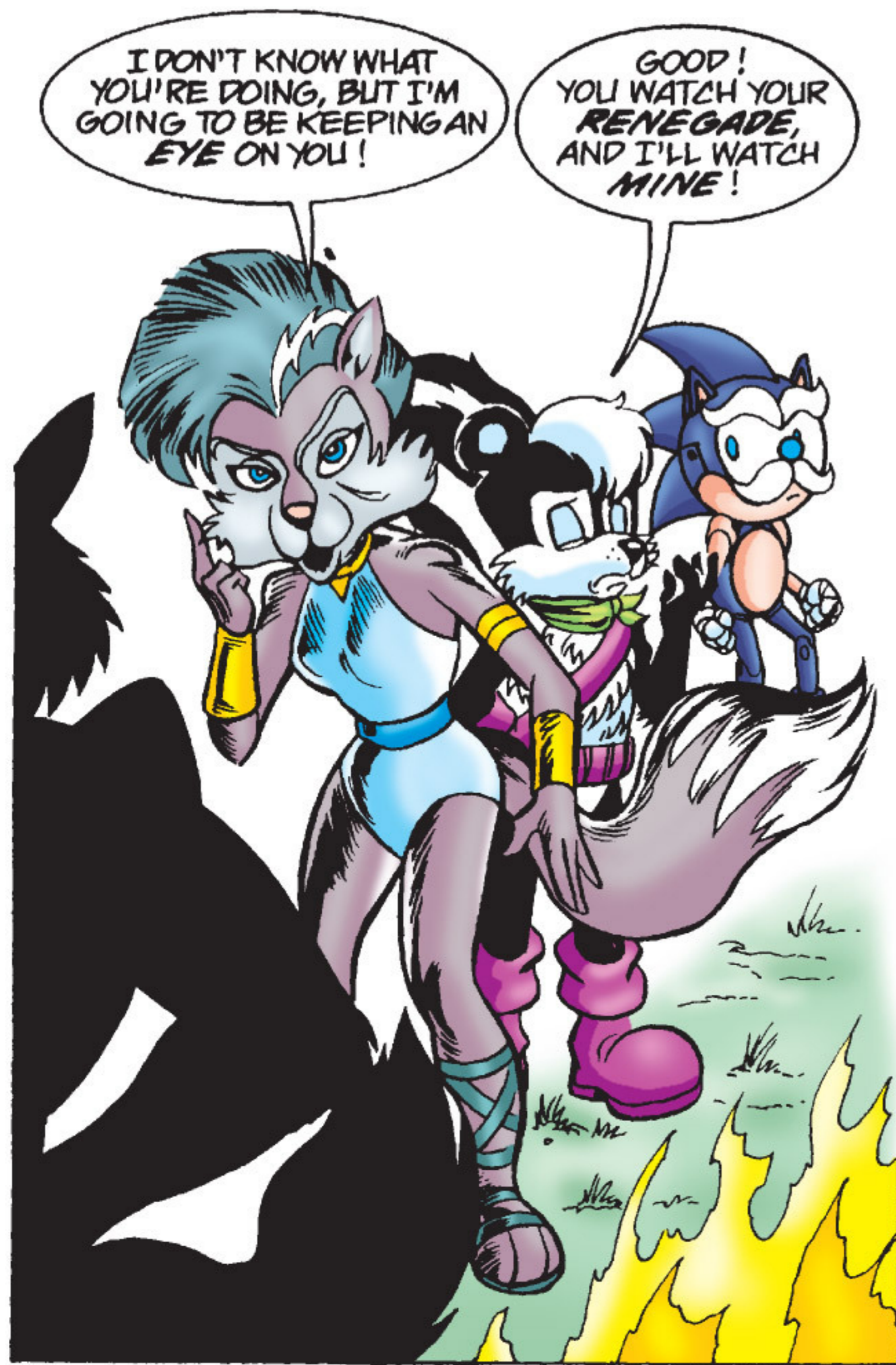


BUT WITHOUT THE LOVE HE CRAVED FROM SALLY OR HIS MISSING FATHER, HE KINDA-- *LOST* HIS WAY!

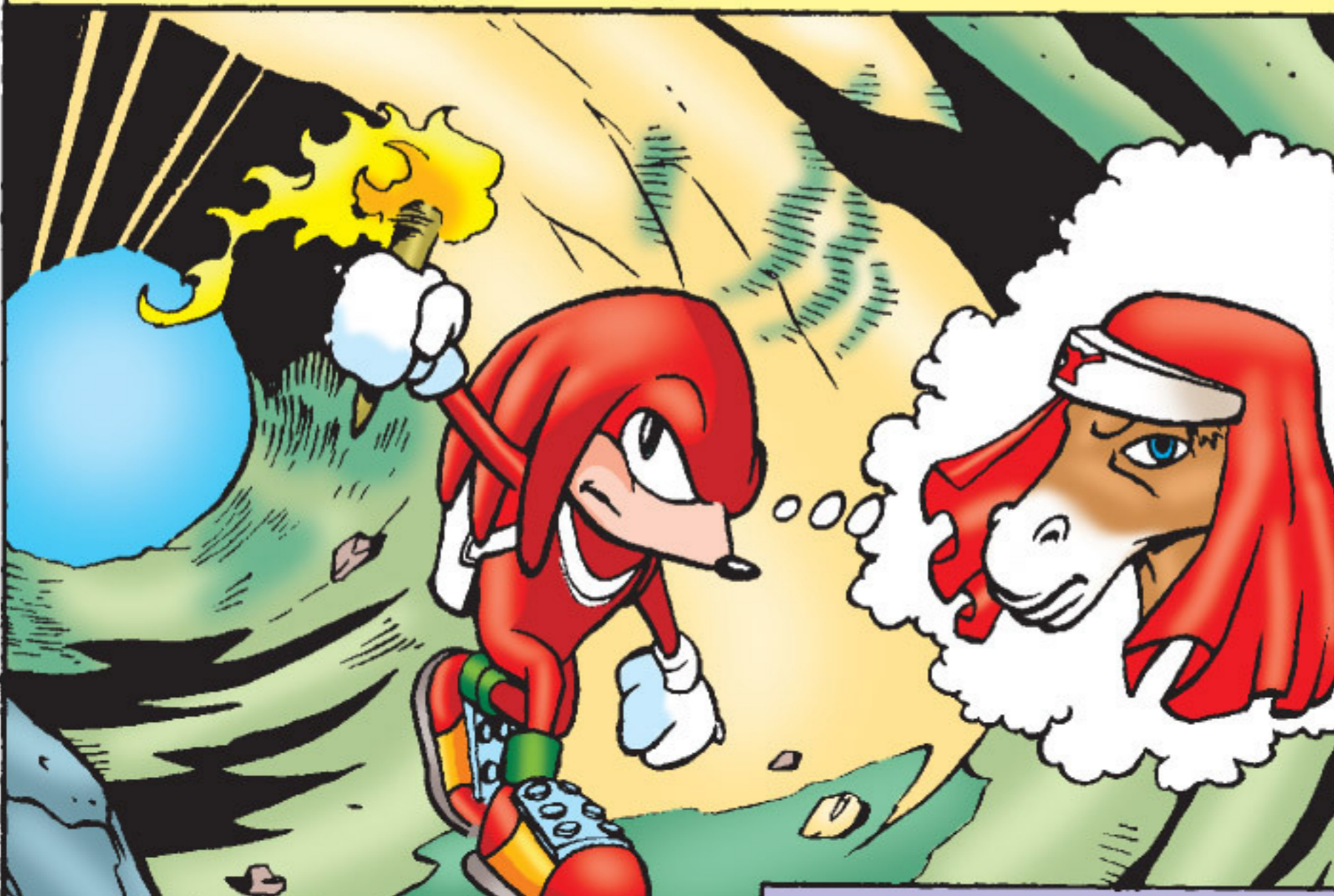


GOSH, I NEVER KNEW! MAYBE I SHOULD SAY *SOMETHING* TO HIM! NO-- I'LL GO...





ON A QUEST TO FIND KING ACORN'S MAGIC SWORD, DESTINY DECREED KNUCKLES WOULD MEET A PALADIN!



UNRAVELING THE HOLY KNIGHT'S CRYPTIC CLUES, THE HEROIC ECHIDNA VAINLY SEARCHES THE NUMEROUS CAVERNS OF HIS FLOATING ISLAND HOME.



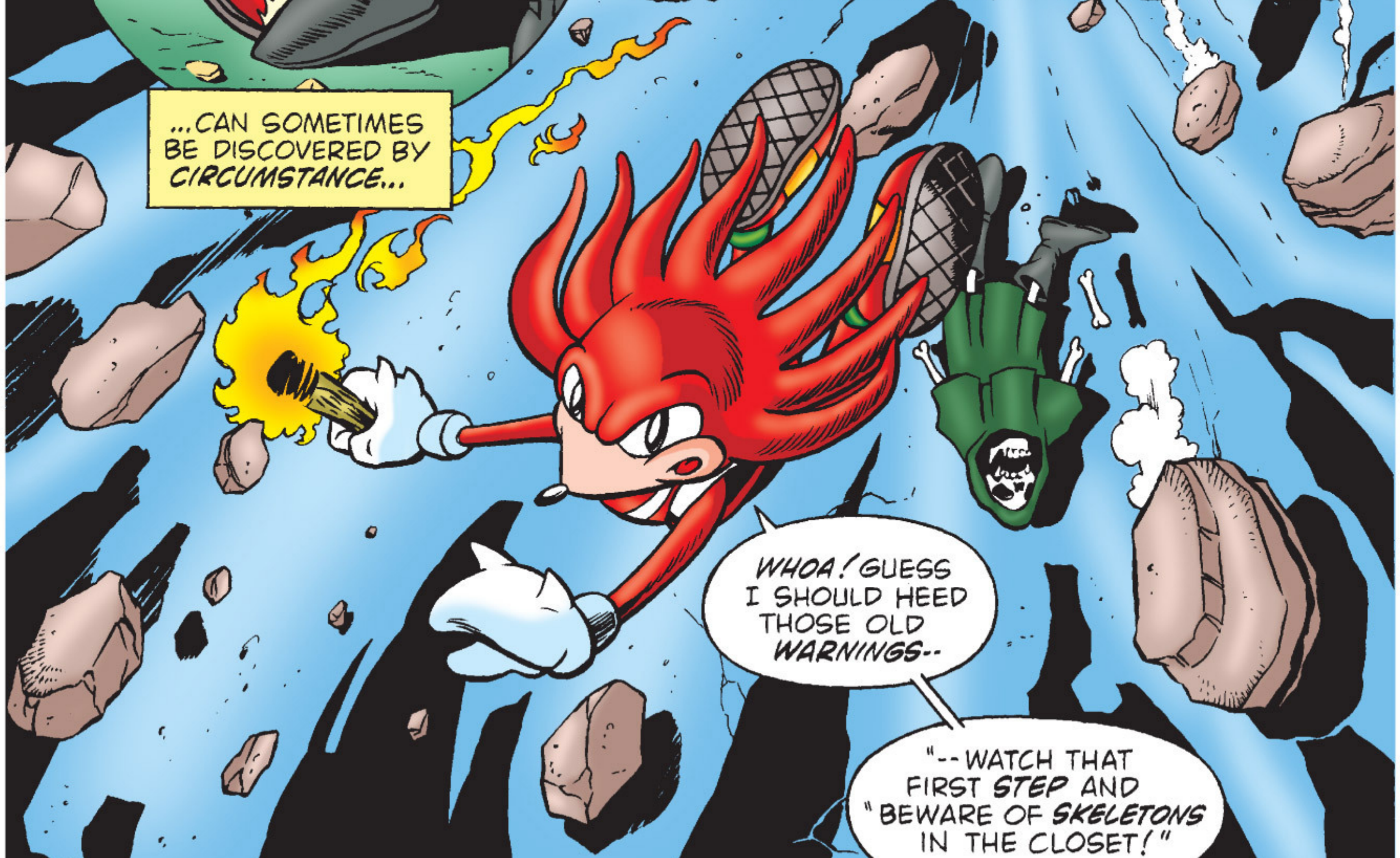
LIKE MANY HISTORIC EXPEDITIONS, THAT WHICH IS NOT FOUND BY FORTITUDE...

* KNUX MET SIR CONNERY LAST ISSUE! -- ED

KNUCKLES QUEST 4:

A GOAT, A RAVEN AND A SWAN SONG!

...CAN SOMETIMES BE DISCOVERED BY CIRCUMSTANCE...

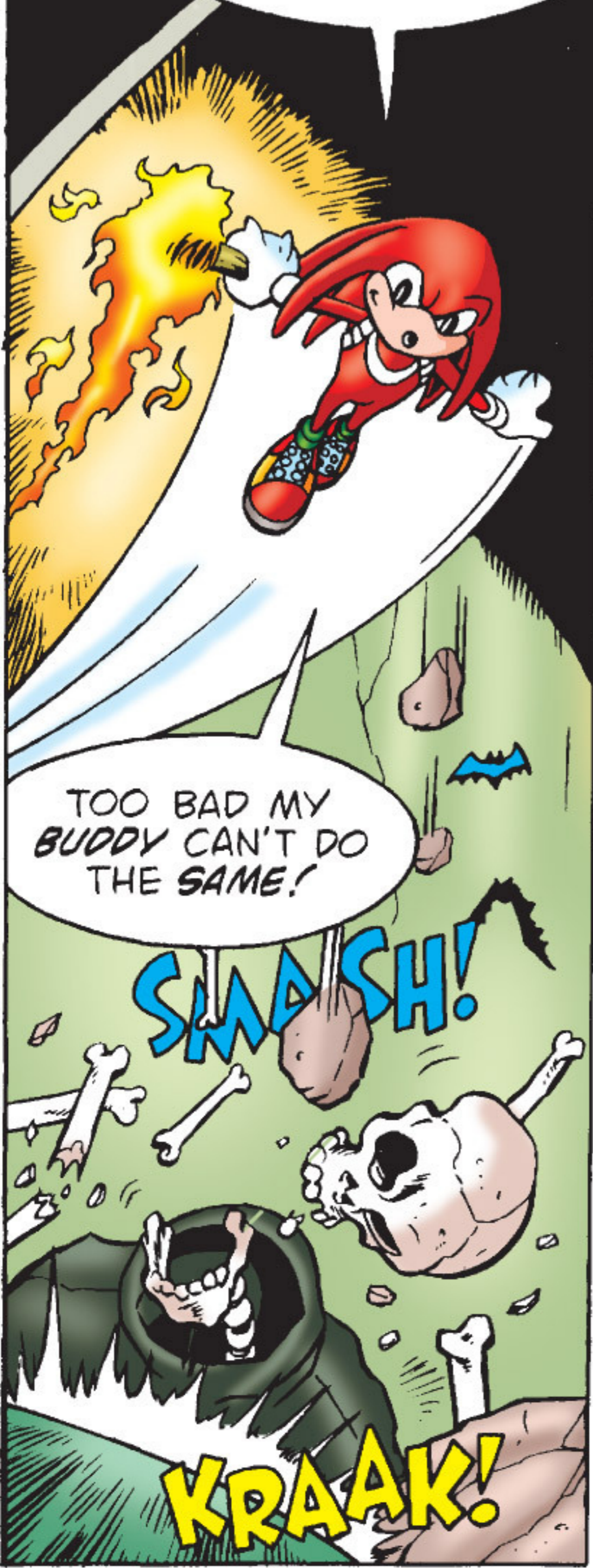


WHOA! GUESS I SHOULD HEED THOSE OLD WARNINGS--

-- WATCH THAT FIRST STEP AND "BEWARE OF SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET!"

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FORTUNATELY, BEING ABLE TO GLIDE ALLOWS ME TO SLOW THE FALL!

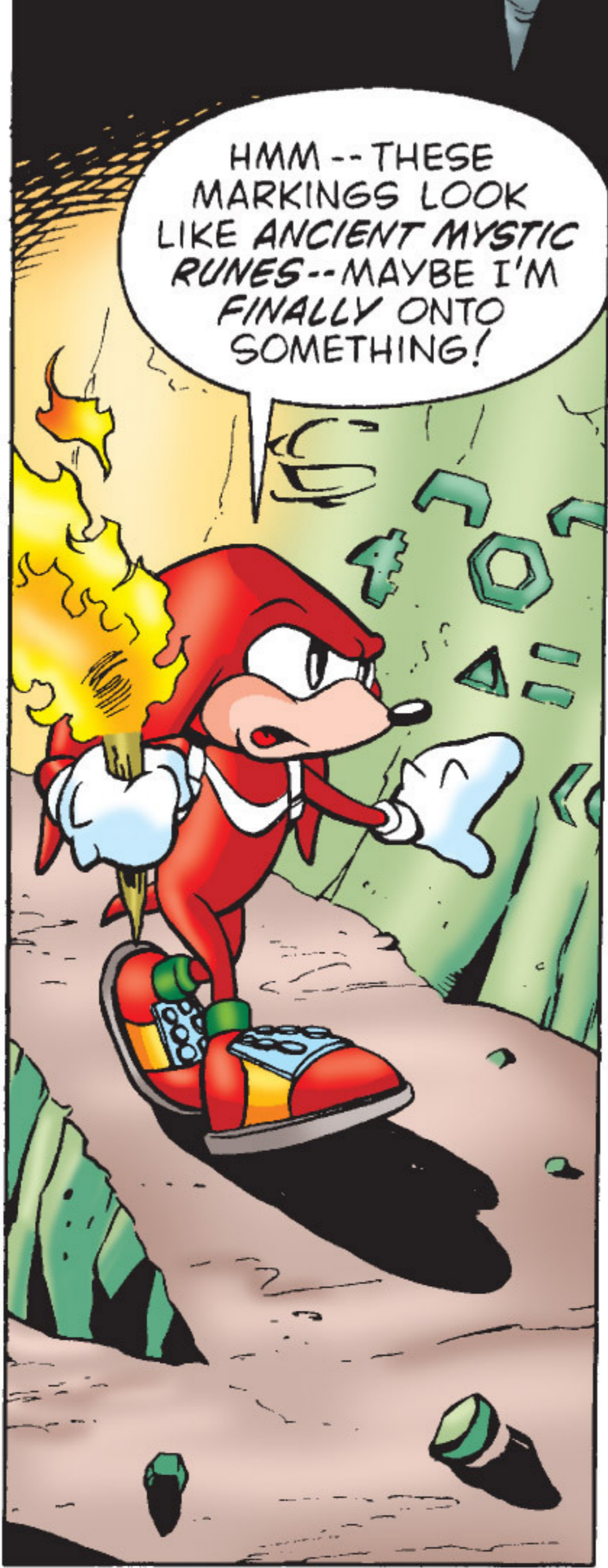


TOO BAD MY BUDDY CAN'T DO THE SAME!

SMASH!

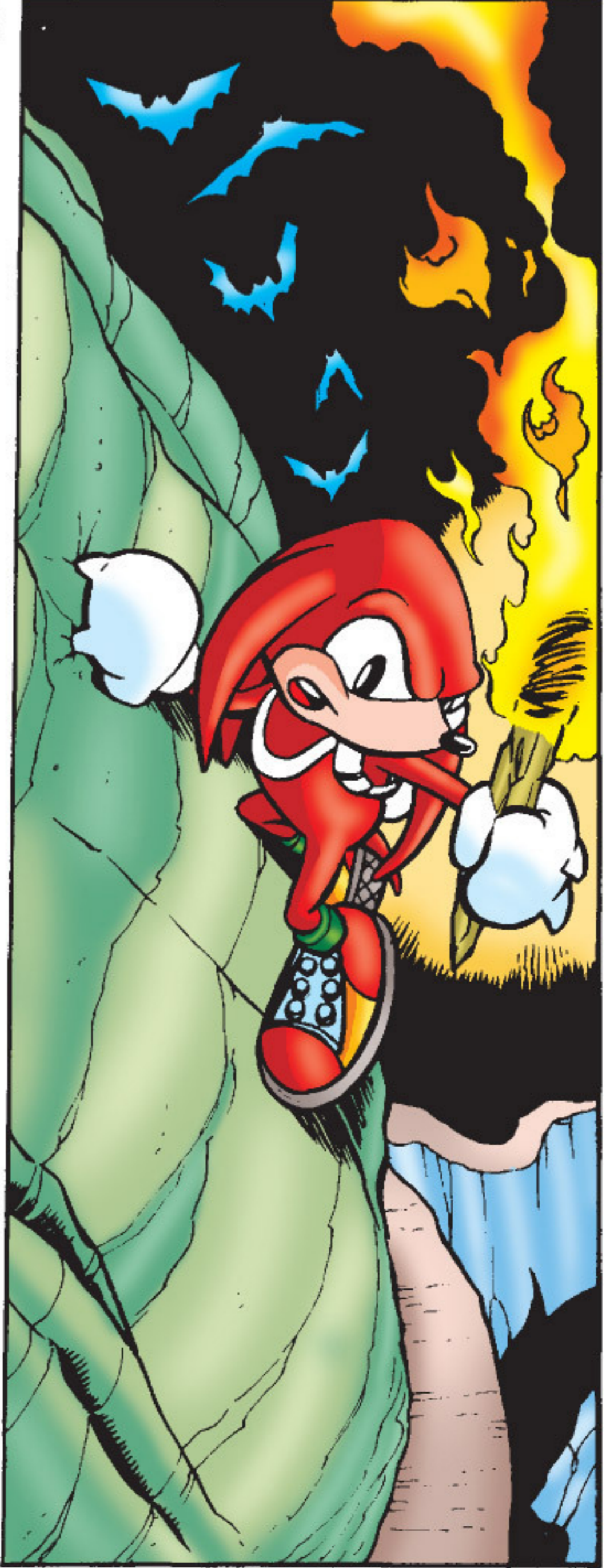
KRAAK!

UPON LANDING, KNUCKLES BEGINS TO EXPLORE THIS LOWER CAVERN...



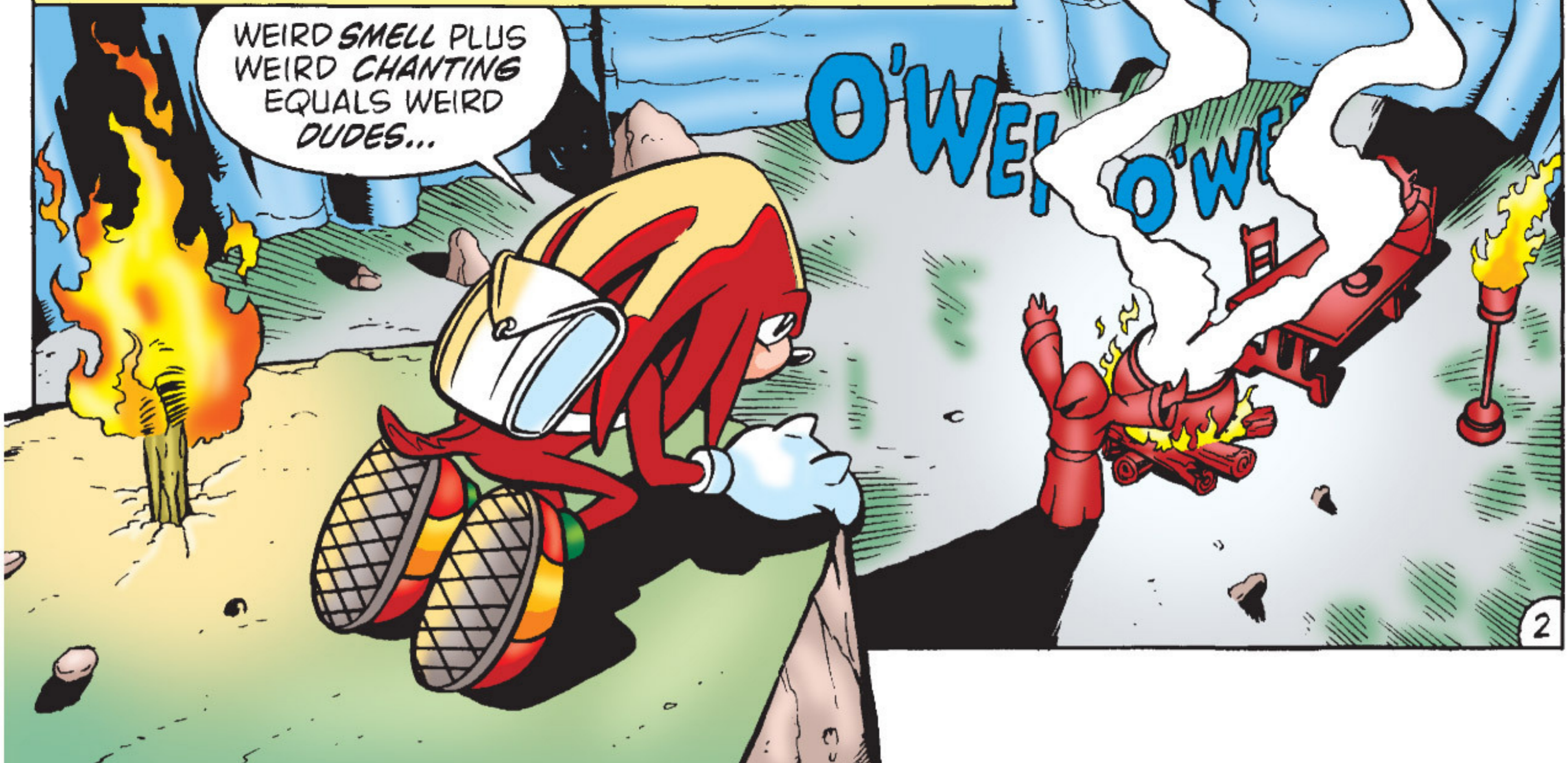
HMM -- THESE MARKINGS LOOK LIKE ANCIENT MYSTIC RUNES--MAYBE I'M FINALLY ONTO SOMETHING!

TRAVELING DOWN THE DAMP, FUNGUS ENCRUSTED CAVERN BANK, THE ENTERPRISING ECHIDNA ENCOUNTERS A HORRIFIC STENCH...



... WHOSE INCREASING INTENSITY ACTS LIKE A HOMING BEACON, ULTIMATELY FURNISHING A VANTAGE POINT!

WEIRD SMELL PLUS WEIRD CHANTING EQUALS WEIRD DUDES...



O'WEI O'WEI

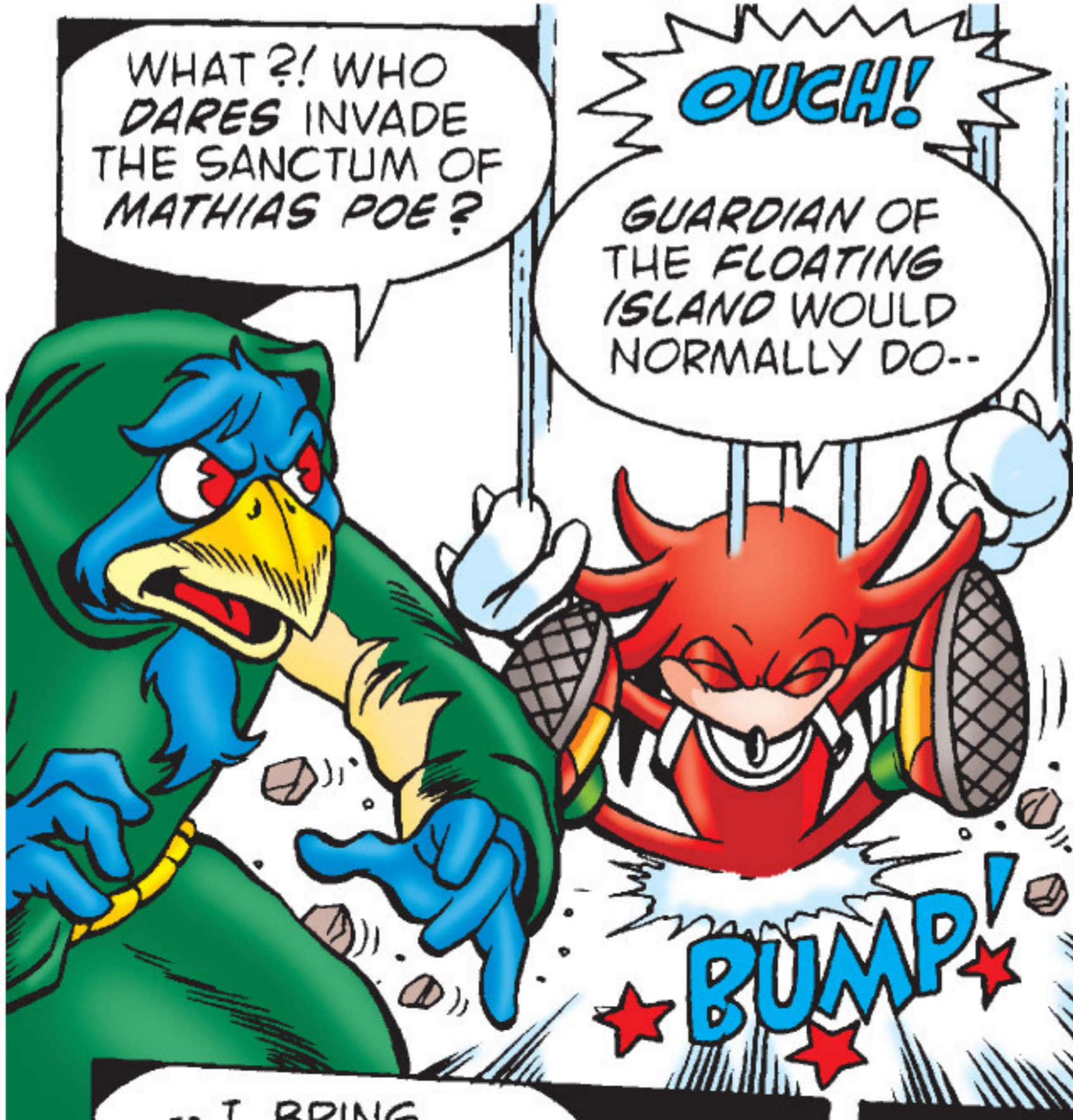
... AND THOSE WEIRDOS LOOK LIKE THE WIZARD AND ALCHEMIST THE ANCIENT WALKERS WARNED ME ABOUT! *

* BACK IN SONIC #42 -- ED

"BASED ON WHERE I FOUND THEM, I'LL BET THEY'RE ALSO -- MATHIAS POE AND DAMOCLES THE ELDER!"

THAT REFLECTION IS SHORT-LIVED, AS THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCE THAT BROUGHT KNUCKLES HERE ALSO COMPROMISES HIS STRATEGIC POSITION

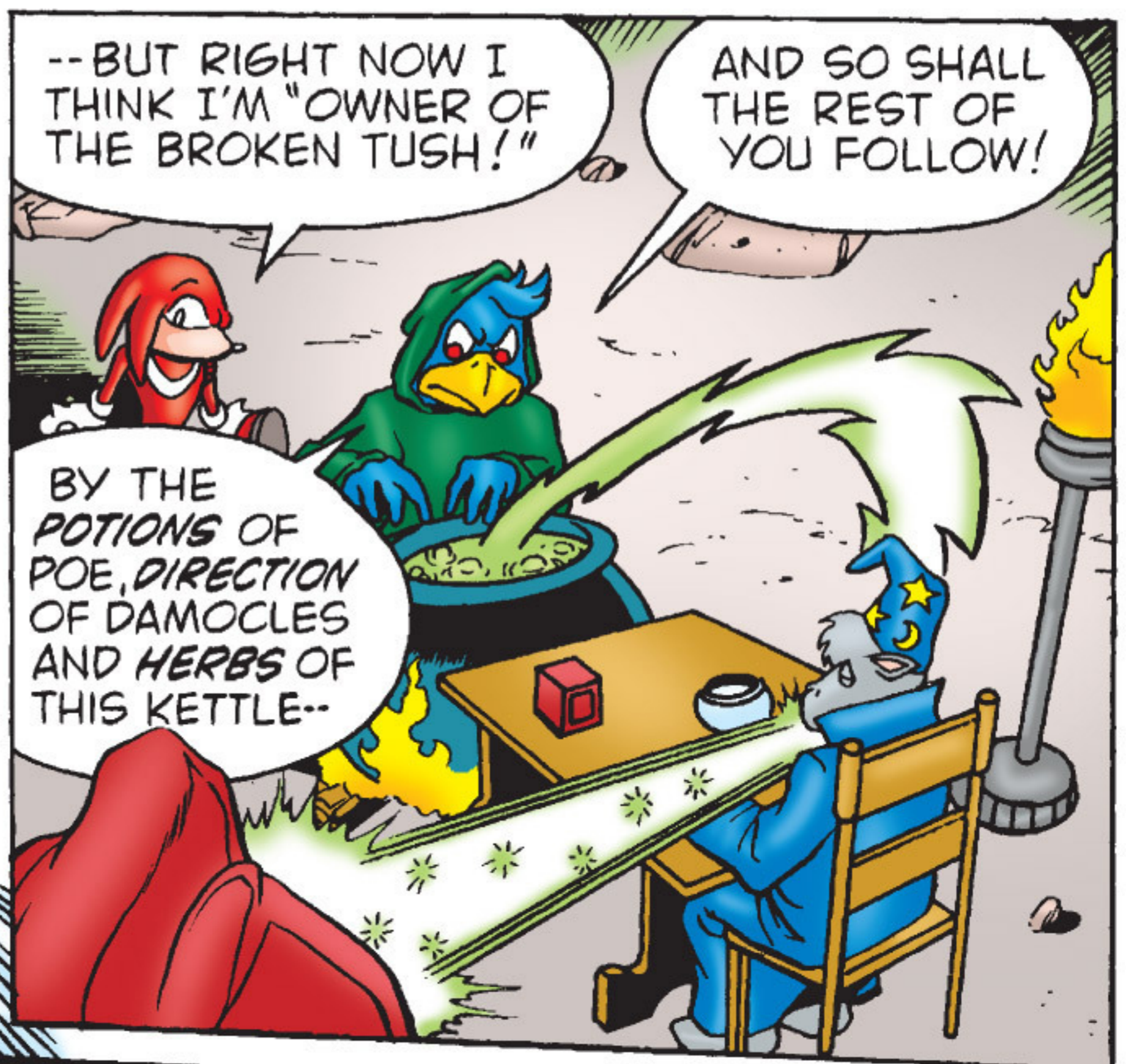
TIME FOR A LITTLE SUR-PRIZE ATT--
WHOA!



WHAT?! WHO DARES INVADE THE SANCTUM OF MATHIAS POE?

OUCH!
GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND WOULD NORMALLY DO--

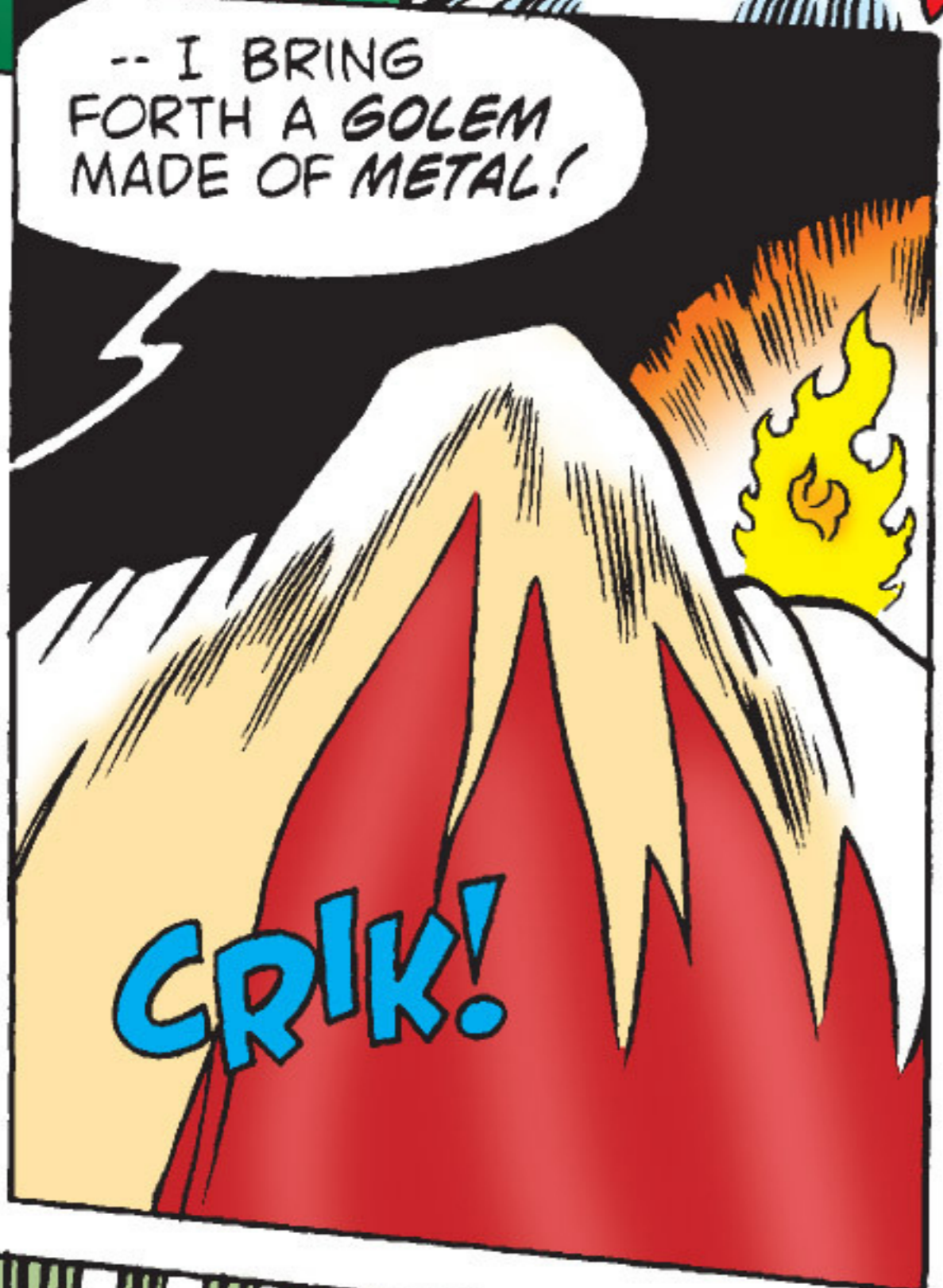
BUMP!



-- BUT RIGHT NOW I THINK I'M "OWNER OF THE BROKEN TUSH!"

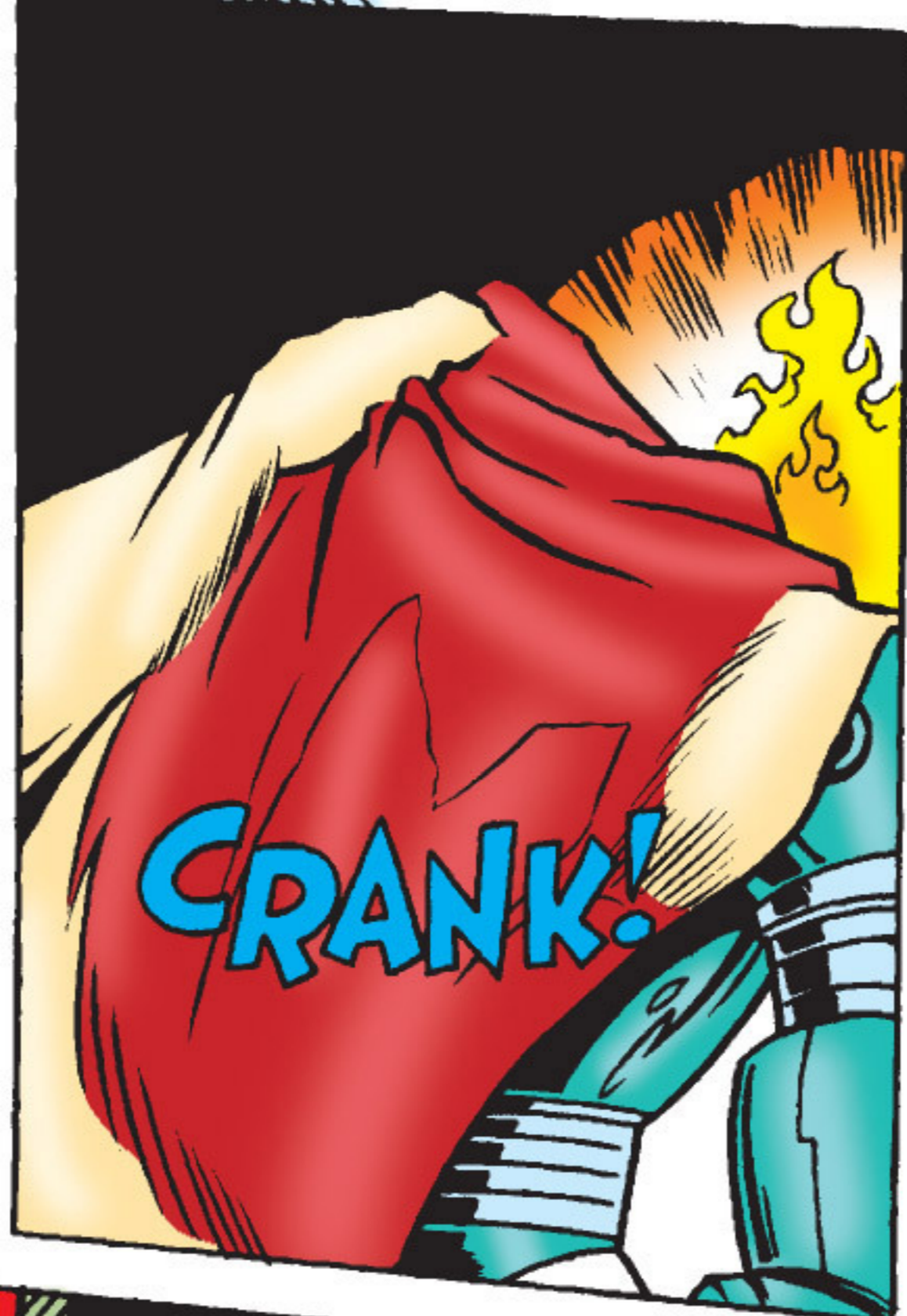
AND SO SHALL THE REST OF YOU FOLLOW!

BY THE POTIONS OF POE, DIRECTION OF DAMOCLES AND HERBS OF THIS KETTLE--

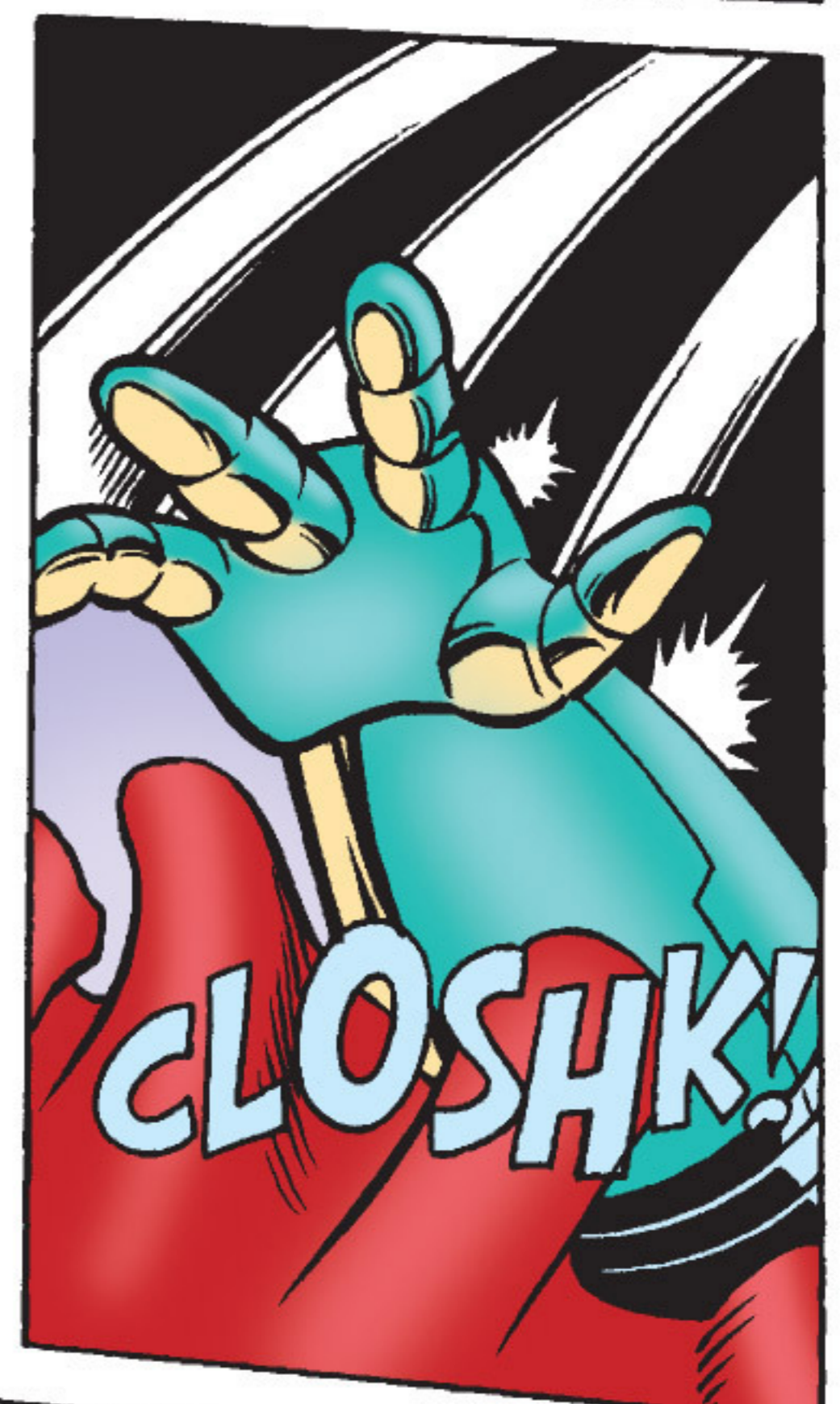


-- I BRING FORTH A GOLEM MADE OF METAL!

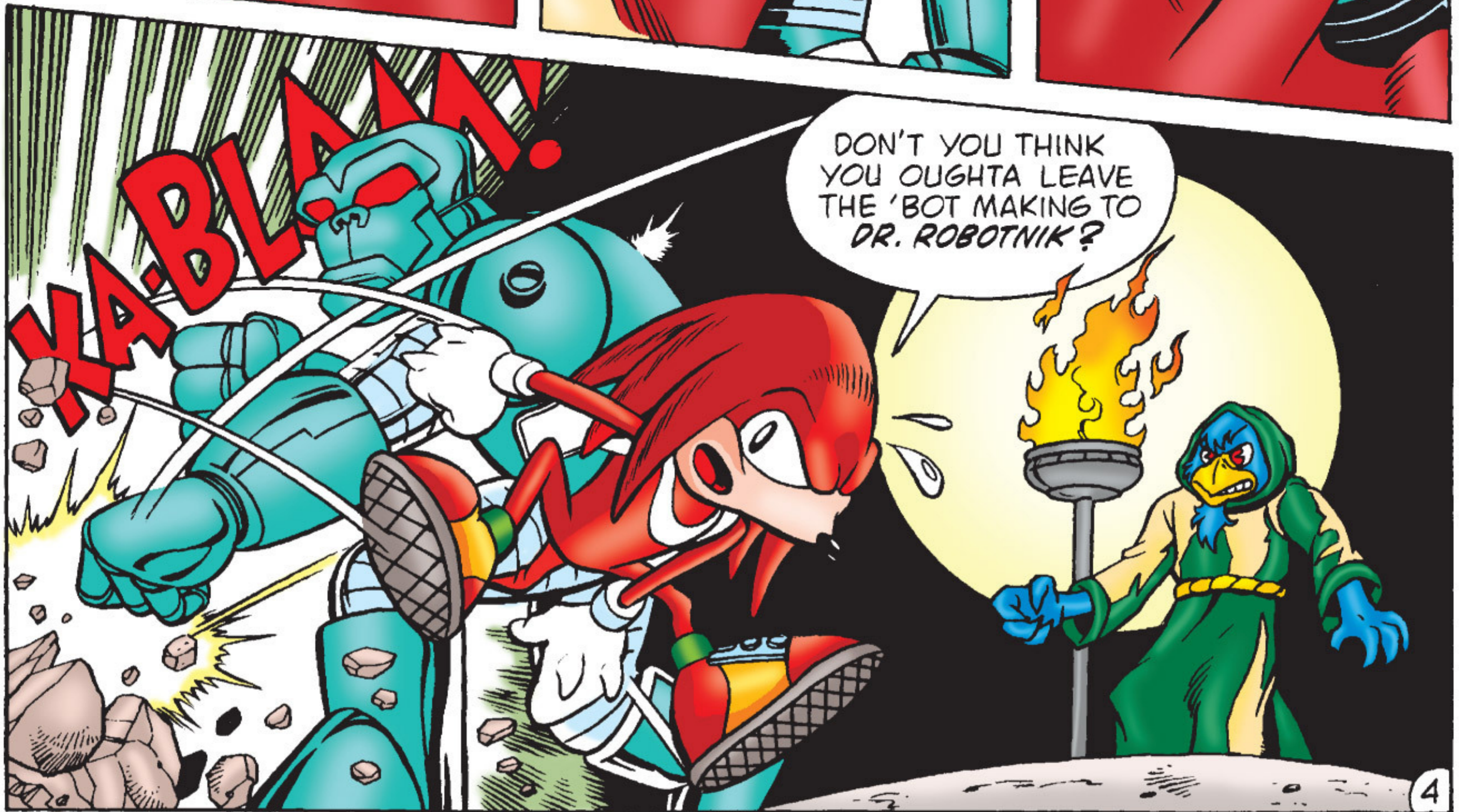
CRICK!



CRANK!

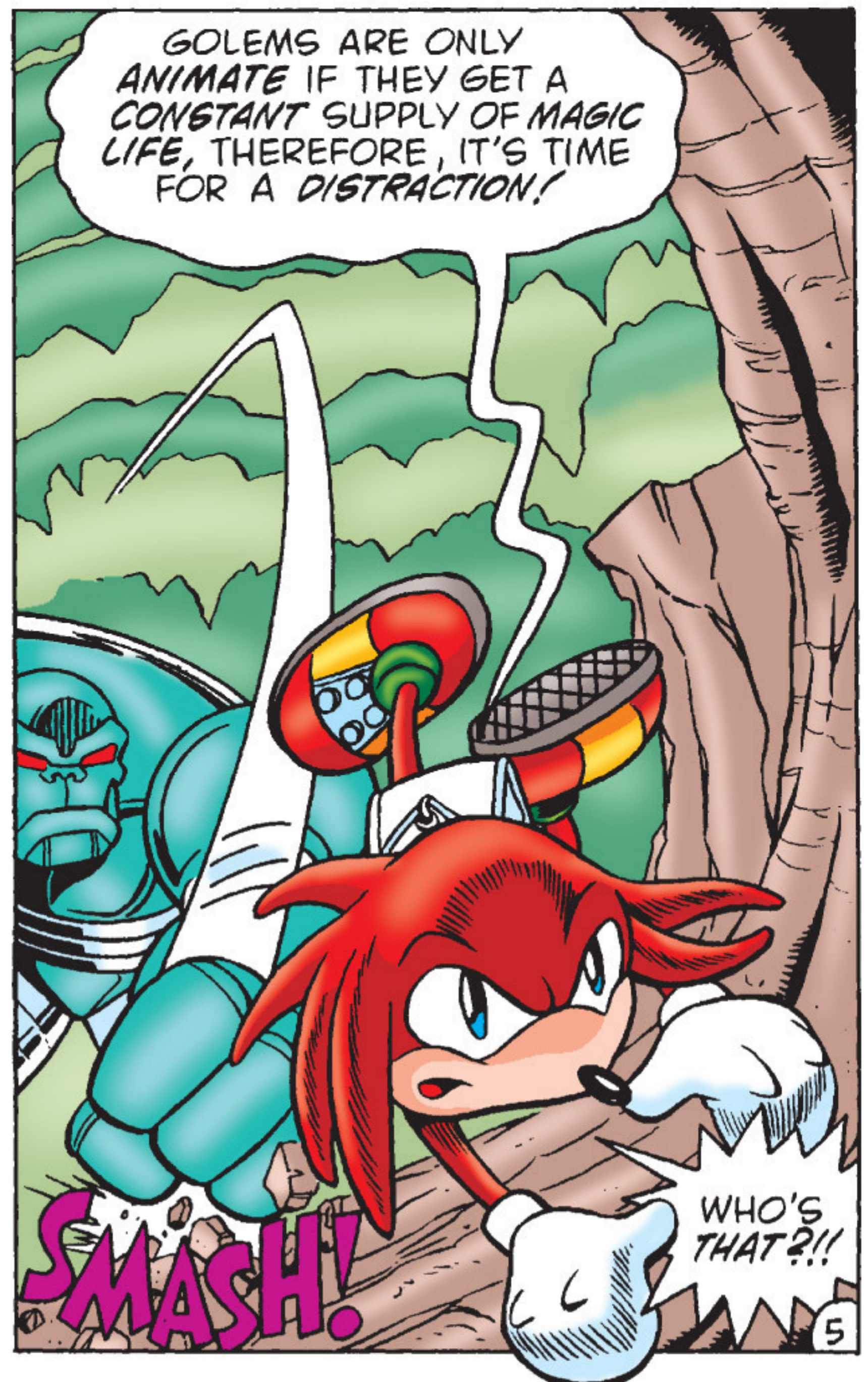
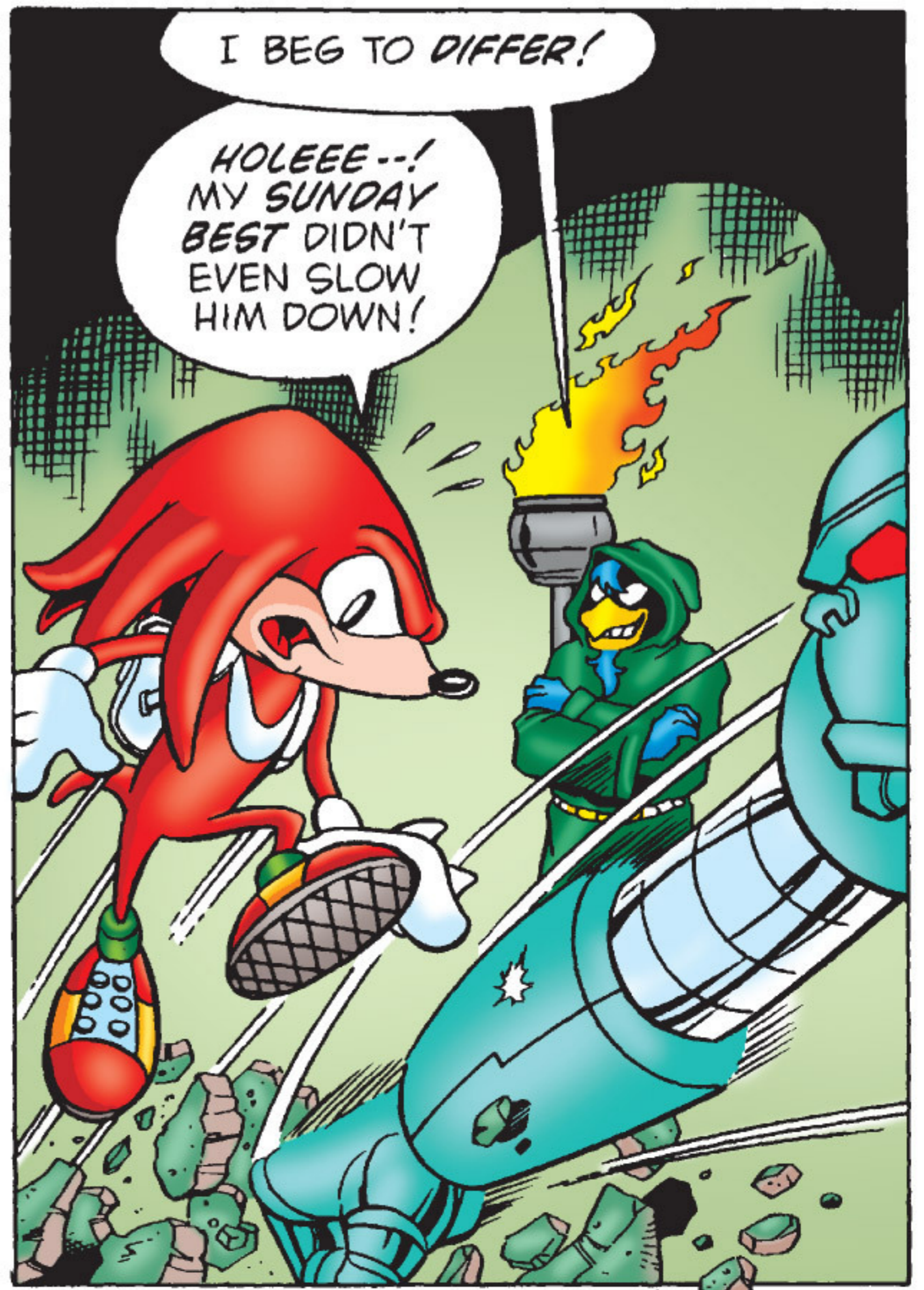


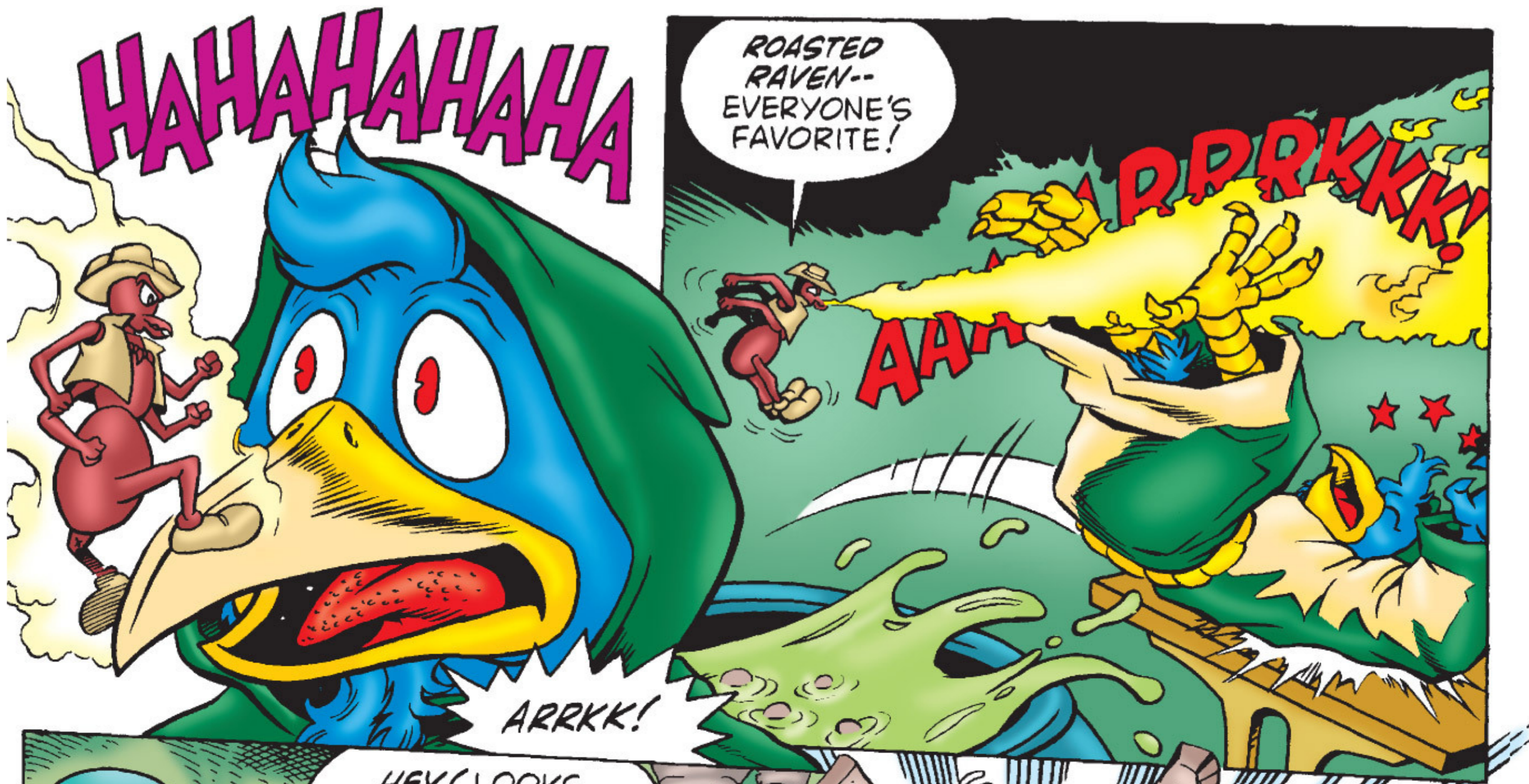
CLOSHK!



YA-BLAM!

DON'T YOU THINK YOU OUGHTA LEAVE THE 'BOT MAKING TO DR. ROBOTNIK?



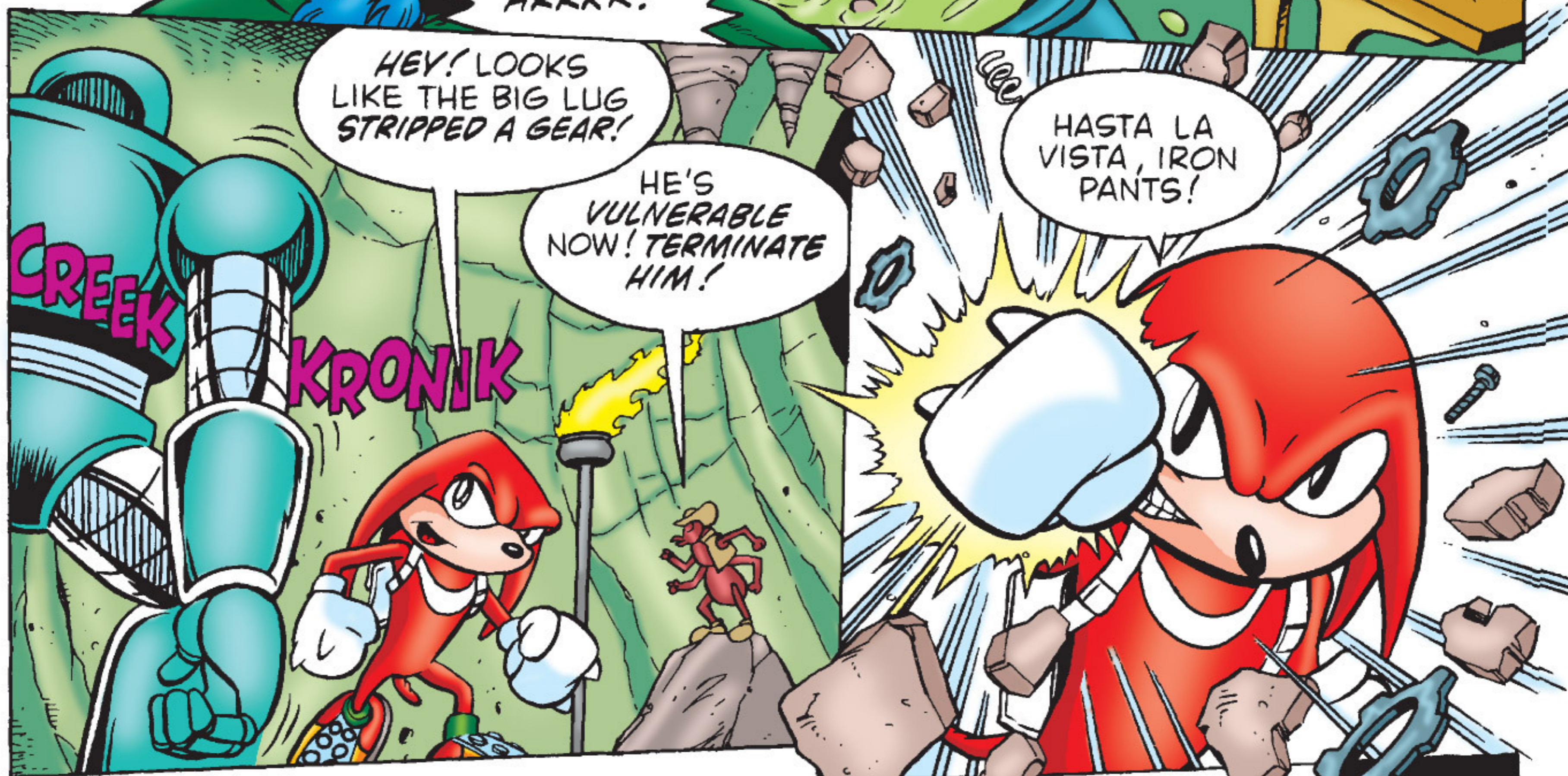


HAHAHAHAHA

ROASTED RAVEN-- EVERYONE'S FAVORITE!

RRRKKK!

ARRKK!



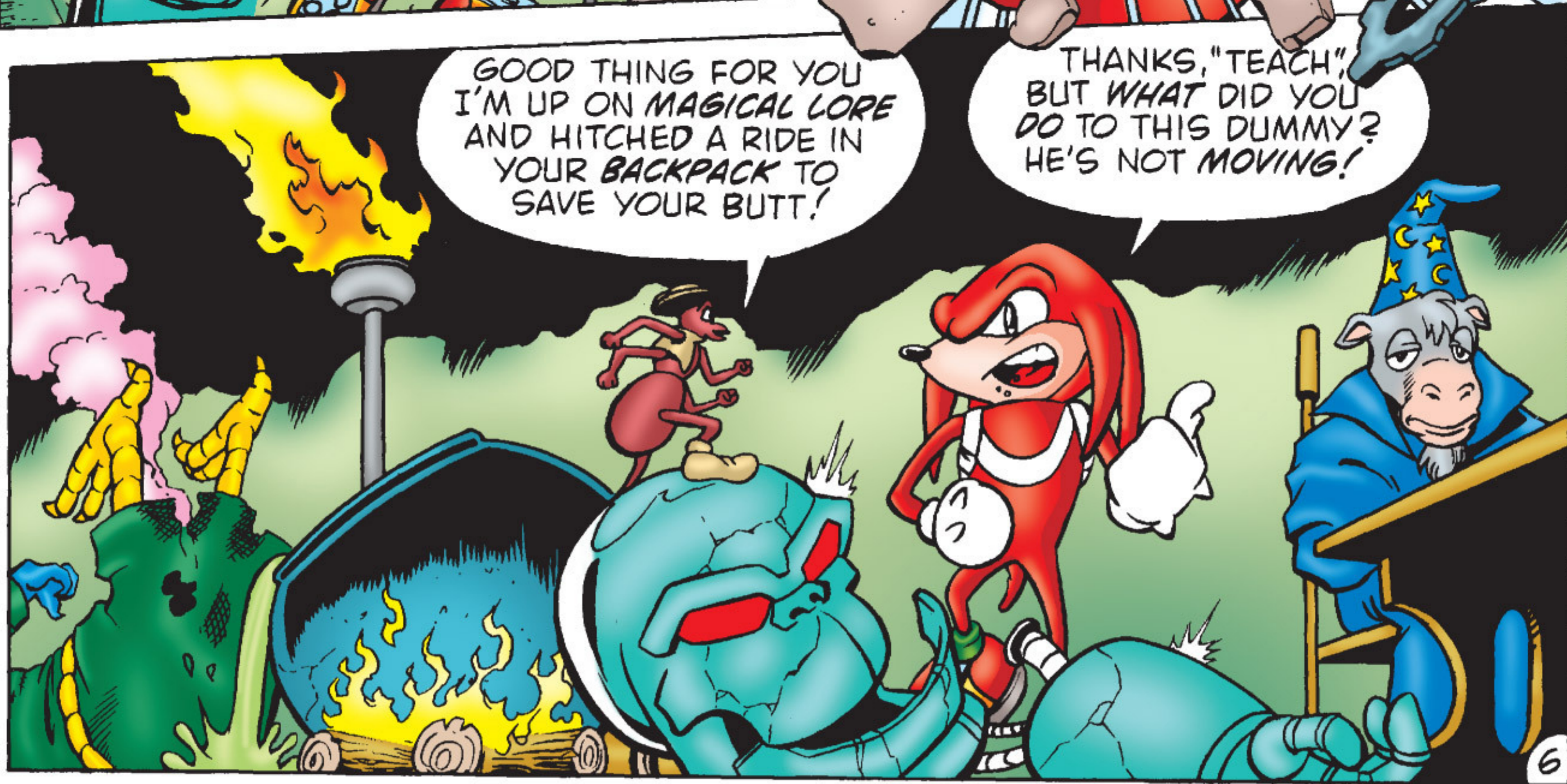
HEY! LOOKS LIKE THE BIG LUG STRIPPED A GEAR!

HE'S VULNERABLE NOW! TERMINATE HIM!

HASTA LA VISTA, IRON PANTS!

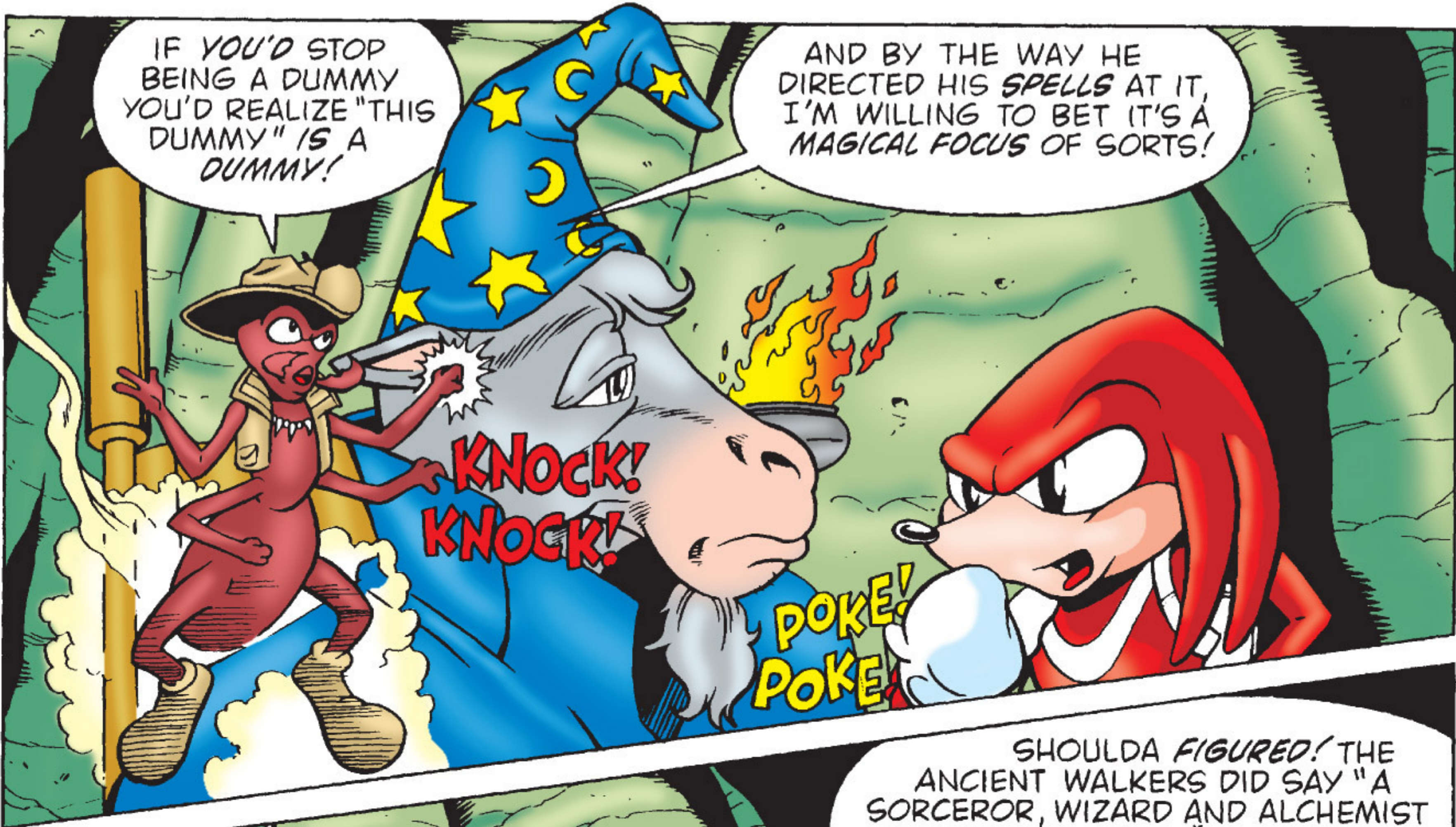
CREEK

KRONIK



GOOD THING FOR YOU I'M UP ON MAGICAL LORE AND HITCHED A RIDE IN YOUR BACKPACK TO SAVE YOUR BUTT!

THANKS, "TEACH", BUT WHAT DID YOU DO TO THIS DUMMY? HE'S NOT MOVING!



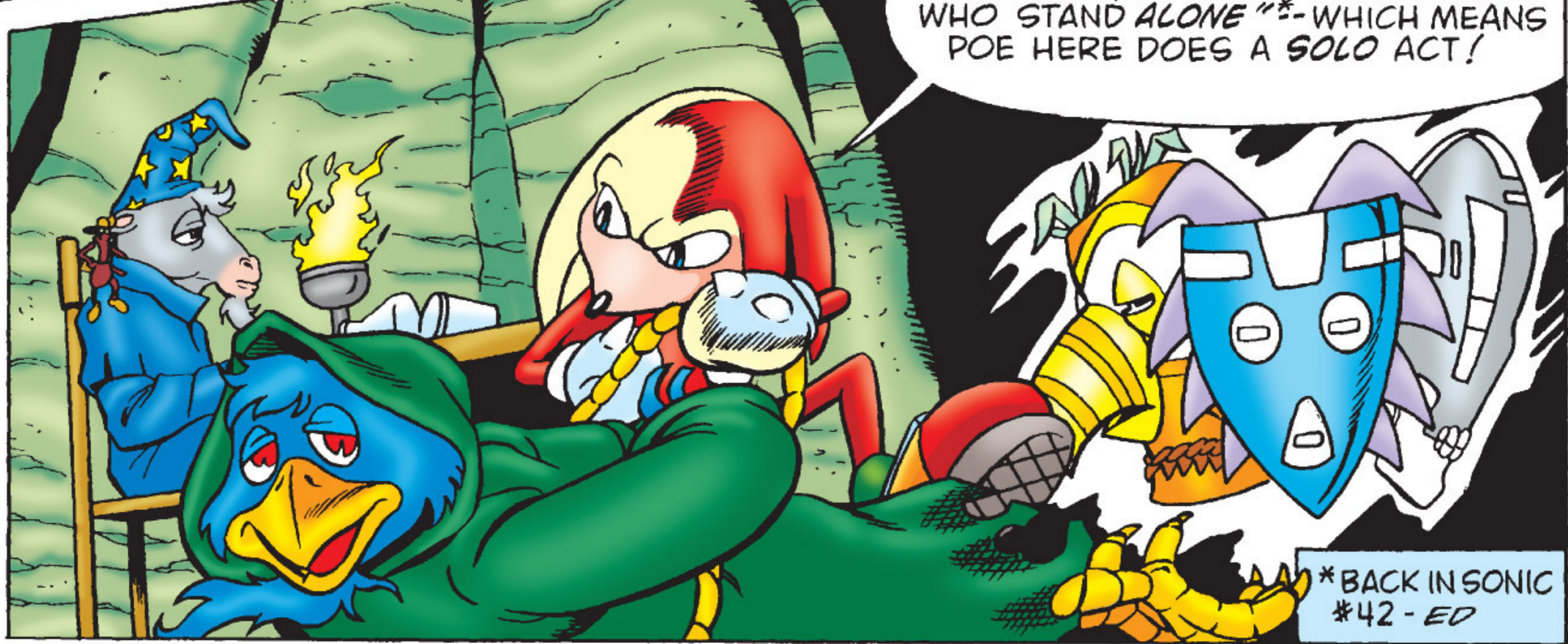
IF YOU'D STOP BEING A DUMMY YOU'D REALIZE "THIS DUMMY" IS A DUMMY!

AND BY THE WAY HE DIRECTED HIS SPELLS AT IT, I'M WILLING TO BET IT'S A MAGICAL FOCUS OF SORTS!

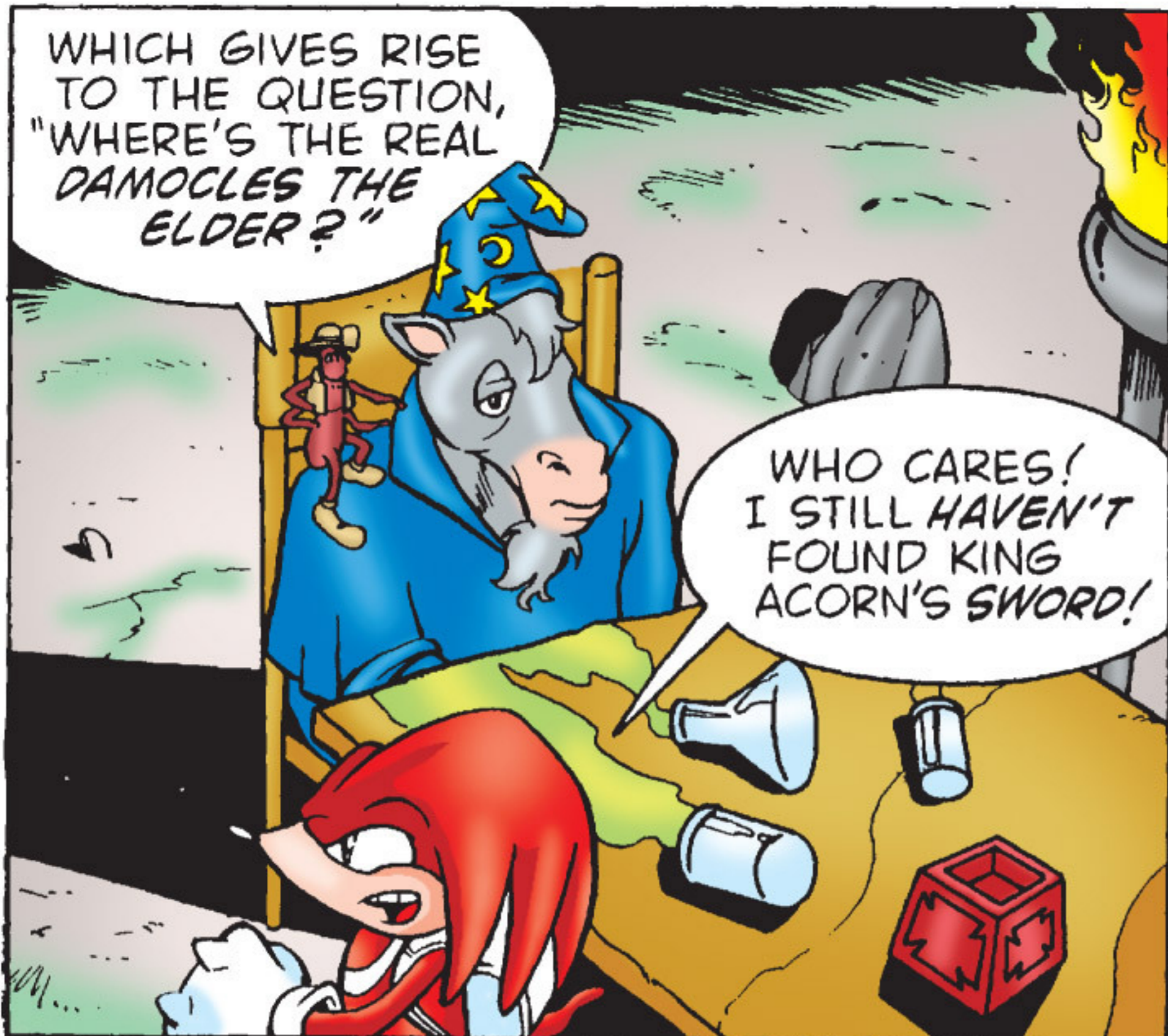
**KNOCK!
KNOCK!**

**POKE!
POKE!**

SHOULDA FIGURED! THE ANCIENT WALKERS DID SAY "A SORCEROR, WIZARD AND ALCHEMIST WHO STAND ALONE" *- WHICH MEANS POE HERE DOES A SOLO ACT!

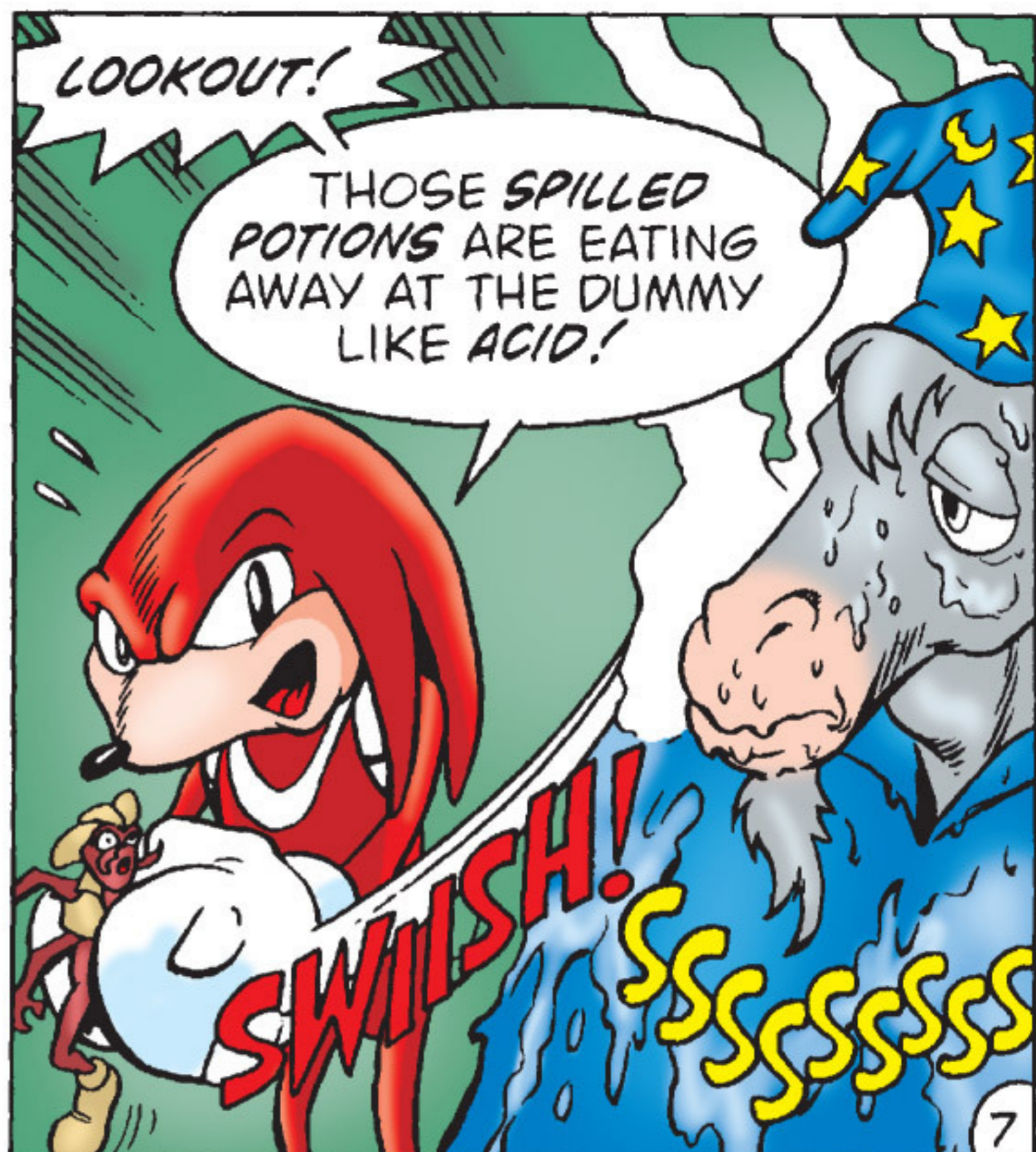


*BACK IN SONIC #42 - ED



WHICH GIVES RISE TO THE QUESTION, "WHERE'S THE REAL DAMOCLES THE ELDER?"

WHO CARES! I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND KING ACORN'S SWORD!



LOOKOUT!

THOSE SPILLED POTIONS ARE EATING AWAY AT THE DUMMY LIKE ACID!

SWIISH!
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